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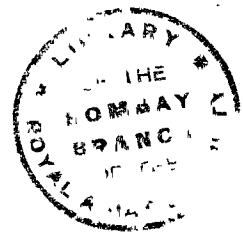

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2. The manuscript is generally in a bad state of preservation. The writing has faded and in certain places is undecipherable; but the paper is still fairly sound. Portions lost or undecipherable are indicated by square brackets.

H. DODWELL,
Curator, Madras Record Office.

5th June 1917.

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VOLUME No. III.

TRANSLATE OF A LRE FROM [HARGU RAGA?] TO Y^E R^T WORSP^LL ELIHU YALE DEPUTY GOVERN^R: OF FORT S^T. GEORGE $168\frac{3}{4}$.

I have recd your Lre & have observed y^e contents w^re of: [. . .] your Wo$\tilde{r}$sp: wrote me y^t you desired y^e Hon^ble East India Compe^s trade might goe on in my Country w^th out any hinderance (as also according to my promise a convenient peice of Ground fitt for y^e Hon^ble Compe^s Affaires w^ch you say is not given as yett and w^th all a small Bullwarke all w^ch desire you should [be] granted because it will protect you from yo^r Enemies y^e Robbers & wood men & secure your ℔sons & Estates from all those kind of Evills w^ch would otherwayes happen & y^t you may as is Granted to y^e ffrench at Pollacherry & y^e Dutch at Tevanapatam, have y^e Liberty of Planting [Gunns] y^r on w^ch will give great encouragement to y^e Hon^ble Company and cause greater trade to y^r & our Sattisfac̃con but on y^e contrary Since the ffrench and Dutch have y^e Liberty of doing [these] things and you are debarred from y^m it will be a great dishonour to y^e Hon^ble Compa: y^e Nation and your Wo$\tilde{r}$sp: and y^r fore you desired my Grant of it to you as well as to y^e other Nations you wrote me also about 3 Elaphants w^ch you Chose out of Eleven belonging to y^e King of Syam & y^t they w^re: Judged to be very we^ll worth: 1400 Pag^ds: w^ch w^th much care & payns you at Last procured for Eleven hundreed Pag^ds: & y^t y^re: was no doubt y^t [I] should be very Well Pleas'd w^th y^m as soon as I saw y^m all w^ch I take mighty kindly your wo$\tilde{r}$sp was Alwayes very Civill and Oblidging to our King & wishing great proffitt to y^e Divan w^ch you must still continu by encreasing your trade and making larger Investm^ts y^t our Diwans Benefitt must encrease more and more for w^n you first came to see me in Trinamulee I was very Sensible of your Carriage fair dealing and worthiness w^r: fore I gave you liberty to settle in my Countrey & because of y^e mighty Proffitt you might bring y^e Divan I lade a less Custome upon you y^n y^e Dutch and so redownded y^e Proffitt to you agayne but since have found less advantage from you to y^e Divan y^n from other Nations w^ch made me very angrey w^th Gopall Punditt So y^t he went away from hence very discontented for I thinking y^r People very hon^ble: granted y^m these settlem^ts & Priviledges but since hath [found] y^m very unprofitable, w^ch is very unreasonably & being you are a very understanding ℔son must [needs] be very sensible w^t proffitt y^e Divan reaps from y^e Dutch w^ch if you shall exceed our King & myself shall be very well pleas'd and yo^r buissiness will goe on very Currently y^r fore Pray take these things into your serious considera-c̃on & bring a great advantage to y^e divan y^n oth^r people I question not but y^o have taken great care in y^e goodness & cheapness of y^e Elaphants, y^o and I being great fr̃ds as for y^e building you speak for y^e co$\tilde{m}$modiousness of your affaires I referr y^o to Gopall Punditt whom I have ord^red to doe accordingly to our Crt maner and Customes [since] y^o are so great a fr̃d to us you shall not want any help & assistance and so y^o may write to Gop[all] Punditt & have yo^r desires effected w^r fore yo^r Wo$\tilde{r}$sp being a very ingenious understand[ing] ℔son shall not need to enlarge on y^s buisiness y^e pair of Screws & Persia Tobacco I r̃ed from yo^r [. . . in a very] good and seasonable time I returne you thanks I desire to let me hear at yo^r Worsp good health.

To the Worsp^ful Elihu Yale Esq^r
Chief at Fort S^t George.

Worshipfull S^r

This only comes to accompãy Captain Bromwell who has given us great assistance in y^e houseing of our rice w^tout w^ch it had bin impossible to have unloaded y^e Ship these many dayes I hope therefore y^t y^r Worship will be kind to him in y^e loading of his Ship w^ch had Suffered more y^n any of y^e rest both as to her tare and ware & y^e expence of victualling.

Captain Bromwell has been ready to oblidge y^e Fraighters on all respects & therefore a kind recommendation of him may be very duely given him and Serve to Settle him in his employ as he deseres [*sic*].

I hope to be w^th yo^r Woſsp: ere y^s and therefore shall add no more but y^t I am

Worshipfull S^r
Your most humble Servant
Ralph Ord.

To y^e Worshipfull Elihu Yale Esq^r
Chiefe &ca Councell at Fort S^r George.

Worshipfull S^r: &c^a:

Wee forbear to answer yours of y^e 8 of October as likewise to give you any Account of our Affairs here intending it by another convenience [*sic*] w^ch will arrive w^th you ere wee can expect this.

Here enclosed wee send you a bill of Ladeing for one bottle of rock Gold q^t as ℔Invoyce enclosed, Wee had sent more but y^t y^e prise rose upon y^e dispatch of y^s Ship: y^s w^th y^e tend^r of our most respectfull Service [is] all at Present from

Worshipfull Sir
Attcheen Decem^ber 7^th 1684. Your most humble Servant
Ralph Ord
W^m: Cawly 1684.

[. . .] ffrom Madapollam Decemb^r y^e 23^d 1684.

And most Esteemed ffreind y^s is to give you an account of y^e proceedings of your^s voyage to and from y^e Port Acchene Viz [wee] gott into Attcheene one 18^d of Octob^r, and being Somthing the leward of [y^e Road] wee was y^r forst to remayne at least Six or 7 dayes y^n getting into y^e Road [wee] began to *gett out* our Rice and in a month time wee Cleared our Ship and Balest her but in carrying y^e *Rice* out the best part of our men fell sick viz: our Chief Mate & Second & third & severall Midship men and at least 60 or 70 of our *fore mast men y^e: Rice sold* y^r very well & I suppose M^r Ord has given you an acco^t: [y^re] of *in his Lre* y^r is Arrived safe y^e: Trivetore who will be ready to Saile in a very few days after us he being allmost [ready] w^n we came away & likewise y^r was arrived y^e Madrass Pinck Captayn Tayler who came from Cuda & they being y^r at wars he come away to Atchecne in her Balest by w^ch M^r Ord doth intend to come over in *or* Elce in y^e Trivetore we had our Dispatch y^r on y^e eight of Decemb^r: and we sayl'd y^t night and since we have very bad weath^r & very hard Gusts so y^t wee had not an observation in eight or ten dayes so y^t it has hindred some time and with all hearing of severall Ships lost on y^r Coasts but being by Gods help Safe arrived on y^s Coast & at Maddapollam I thought it convenient to give yo^r Woſsp: an Acco^t: of and w^th all to desire you y^t if you can conveniently Omitt our Going into Pettipolle Bay it will be a great forwarding in our voyage we shall be forced at least to hyer 40 or 50 Larscars to help lade our Ship (our men being downe most of y^m w^ch is al at Present from your Ever faithfull Friend and Servant to Comm^d:

John Bromwell.

We likewise heare y^t
Capt : Coocke had
Put into Tannaseree.

To y^e Worsp Elihu Yale Esq^r
&c^a Councell.

Madapollam Decemb^er 24 1684.

R^t Worsp^ll : S^r : &c^a :

The 22^th Currant arrived here Ship Rochester Cap^t : Bromwell Command^r : who we shall dispatch hence for Metchlepatam in 3 or 4 dayes w^ch : being y^e needfull at ꝑsent we Remayne

R^t Woꝛsp^ll S^r &c^a

Your very humble Servants
Sam^ll : Wales.
Rich^d : Brereton.
Benj : Northey.
Cha^s : Fownes.

Metchlepatam y^e 23^d November 1684.

To the R^t Worsp Elihu Yale Esq^r
Presid^t & Deputy Govern^r of ffort S^t George &c^a : Councell.

R^t : Woꝛsp^ll : S^r : &c^a :

Our Last to you was of y^e 19 Curr^t by Sloope Advice y^e same evening came to hand yours of y^e 8 accompaned w^th : y^e Hono^ble : Presid^t : Gennerall from Bengall of y^e 22^th 9ber to both w^ch reply first y^t wee heartily pray for his Hono^rs : Safe Arrivall & y^t yo^r ord^rs : shall be complyed w^th So farr as lyes w^th in our power to heasten and enlarge our Investm^t : but w^th all fear wee shall hardly bring it to answer our owne ambition and your Expectation being as yett very backward tho noe care or paynes wanting on our side great quantity of goods at y^e washers and severall sorts to [come . . .] Rucca and Dustaks enough are gone to Clear y^m but much [doubt y^r] being to us Soe timely at his Hono^r but y^e most y^t [can be done] shall for our Hono^ble : Masters interest w^ch is all he can promise.

Wee have Encouraged our M^rchants as ordered w^th [y^e great] supply of money his Hono^r : will bring up accasioned by y^e [troubles] & ill State of affairs in y^e Bay w^ch God in his due time rectify to w^ch : they promise & will use y^r best Endeavours to supply w^th w^t goods these parts will afford in Season and propper for our use.

Wee herew^th send you our Generall bookes 2 paire one for England y^e other to remaine w^th you Copies of our Consultation and Lr̃es shall follow after y^e Expiration of y^s month wee had not detained your Peons soe long but in expectation of Lr̃es from Vizagapatam to be returned by y^m to whome we wrote should detaine y^m on y^t Acco^t : w^ch is w^t offers at Present worth notice from

R^t : Woꝛsp^ll : S^r : &c^a :
Your most Obedient humble Servant[s]
R : Freeman
Timothy Harris
Sam^ll : Swynock.

Just now comes advice of y^e Rochester being Arrived to Madapo^ll : where she will be detained about 2 dayes.
Signed R. FF.
T. H.
S. S.

COODALOOR JANUARY 3D: 1684

To the WORSPLL ELIHU YALE ESQR
CHIEF &CA: COUNCELL AT FORT ST GEORGE.

Worspll Sr: &ca:

Our last was of ye 24th past wrin advised You [ye needfull] in our Affairs to yt time ys accompanys our Dyary Consultations Account Cash for ye past month to wch desire you will please to be Referred we allso remitt you a transcript for our Genll: Books and Stewards Accots: for ye Last yeare for England we desire you will please to reimburse us wth Cash being at Present in want disbursmts wee have now Embaled 560 Bales and hope by ye fine Currt: we may be able to make them 700 Bales.

Our Mrchants are mighty importunate for [money yr fore humbly intreate you will please to remitt ym] wt you shall think [. conve]nient to be done at Porto Novo ye Mrchants yr being mighty prssing to Contract for a New Investment ye last years being almost at a period we desire you will please to supply us wth: ye necessarys desired in our last Sloop James is not yet got over ye Bar but hope in few days She may haveing lightened her wt possible & dayly as oppertunity offers Gradually working her over wch done shall be dispatched towards you wch wth our humble Servant is wt offers at present from

Worsp Sr &ca:
Your most humble Servants
JNO: DAVIS.
RALPH: INGRAM.

P. S.

The 28th: past ye Subidar arrived at Tevenapatam: and ye first Currt: came to ye ffactory to condole ye Loss of Mr Davis his wife desireing yn to be excus'd from treating of any other affairs for yt he would take another uppertunity for yt & Soe after some Stay returned again to Tevenapatam to Settle Some Affaires yr we expect him here againe in two or three dayes & wt shall occurr in our Affairs wth him shall advise.

Idem
J. D.
R. I.

TRANSLATE OF A LRE FROM YE MAJESTY YE QUEEN OF ACHEEN TO YE WORSPLL: ELIHU YALE ESQR CHIEFE AND GOVERNR OF FFORT ST GEORGE.

DATED DECEMBR: 1684.

I recd your Wofsp kind Lettr wth all due Honr: and respect All ꝑsons yt fear God Allmighty and Serve him truly he will reward ym & they shall never come short of yr petition I send ys Lr̃e to yor Wofsp wth all ye Honr: and Respect as can be expected from a Queene of my Honr: & dignity yor Wofp being a ꝑson of So worthy fame wch: make me implore ye Almighty for yor long life & y you may encrease in honr: and Riches ye frindly and kind lettr: your Wofp Sent me by Mr Ralph Ord & Mr Cawley I Recd honourably and in a good honor wch noe sooner they came to my reception but I sent for all ye Lords of my Councell to communicate ye Contents to ym wch yn we had ꝑused found it wrot in So curious a Stile yt it proved very much to our Sattisfaccon we finding by ye Contents yt yor Wofsp decigned a true and Lasting friendship wth [. . . . .] yt he will prosper all: your designes [and] understanding those [yr] Wofsp: Sent to treat wth: me I shewed ym all ye respect Imaginable yt [be]came from so worthy a ꝑson & gave ym ye best accomodations [. . .] Countrey afforded I discoursed Mr Ord and Mr Cawley about ye [Contents] of your Wofsp Lr̃e: and gave them my Answer of wch you will be informed at large from ym: I understand yo: is desirous of my friendship & yr

fore question not but you will Answer my Expectation I have Granted your Worsp: leave to Settle in my Countrey upon ye same tearmes as formerly.

TRANSLATE OF A LRE FROM SEREE: RAJA CAUN FROM CUDDA TO YE HONOBLE YE PRESIDT: IN FFORT ST GEORGE

DATED YE 12TH NOVR 1684.

I enjoy good health and hope to hear ye Like yr from yor Honor: I shall now acquaint your Honor: of a disordr: yt hapned in Cudda by ye Arrivall of an English Ship yr from Hughly wn the Ships Company made great disputes: about ye Giving Presents & caused Small differrences between our people & ym: but at last came to a Complyance & giveing wt was Customary went to Anchor at ye Barrsmouth wr a boat belonging to the king from Pollo coming by your Ship Sett upon ym fired at ym killed four men plunder'd them of all they had to ye Vallue of one thousand Dollars and tooke two of ye King's Slaves alive and So went yr way but weather we know not wch wee desire your Honor: to take care and Soe after ym yt they may restore ye loss & make recompence for ye Dammage they have done & I must tell you moreover yt yr is another Ship belonging to ye English came from Surrat thither wt about thirteen Candy of Tinns wch they now they Stop upon ye Same forementioned Acco: wr fore I humbly desire your Honor: to take care yt Sattisfaccon be made on both Sides and yt our Friendship may Remayn firm as before yr is one Mr [George] E[mson] to whom I sold a Elaphant for 50 Slaves from whom I have not heard a word Since wherefore I desired your honor: to S[ee] I have my returnes Sent me [Back] agayne [. . . Pilott-Lastly . . . of some . .] Elephants are allso indebted to me 20 Cattees I gott wch: I humbly referr allso to your honors: Care to see it returned wth as much speed as possible by you will regayne ye Loss Creditt yt does now accrew to you by Such false dealings Mr ffreeman allso & I haveing an Elephant between us I can Neithr: Send nor Sell it wth: out his Consent wch I desire yor honor: to give him Ordr: for yt I may know wt to doe wth it, Those things I desire your Honor: to take care of & preserve our Friendship for Ever I herewth: Send your honr: two: China Garrs wth two China Dishes for your Second wch I desire your Honors: acceptance of wch: be Pleas'd to recieve of ye Capt: [&] Comand me of your Service.

METCHLEPATAM YE 31TH: DECEMBR: 1684.

TO THE RIGHT WORSPLL: ELIHU YALE ESQR: DEPUTY PRESIDT: & GOVERNR: OF FFORT ST: GEORGE &CA: COUNCELL:

Right Worspll: Sr &ca:

Our Last to you was of ye 23 Currant since wch have not any of yours to answer Soe yt ys is Chiefly to Advise you ye Arrivall of ye Ship Rochester and ye Capt: Bramwell comes ashore who accquaints us wth ye Badd news of health his Shipps Compa: is in scarce able to ꝑforme ye work yt is to be done on board her being to be new Shifted and all ye Bales they recd at Maddapollam about 700 to be taken up and new Stowed away agayne he would be at ye Charge of hyred Lascarrs but here is none procurable So her Stay here will be much Longr: yn design'd they not being able to Discharge our boats so fast As Sent off nor will receive little or noe more Peter yn mentioned in Chartr: party they Scruple to take in any Sapan wood Expecting to be bettr: Laden wee have not a yett in readiness about 300 bales great quantetys of Cloth being Still at ye washrs: where all ffled: by ye Governr: abuse to ym for putting Chunam into ye whitening ye Cloth: A thing he will not allow of nor they be ꝑsuadd: to returne Soe yn fear Shall be able to doe but little more this year wee are useing our utmost endeavour [wth him for ye same but to] little purpose he Continuing resolute and Obstinate [but] hope [. . .] his Obdurate tempr: by ꝑswasive arguments [after a] little [Consideracon] wch must be allowed him else nothing of reason will take place.

This Evening arrived A Shipp of M^{r}: Pr[i]ckman from Ball [assore] M^{r} Richard Harbin Comand^{r}: who informes of his Hono^{r}: [. . .] from thence in ship Resolution Accompanied wth: y^{e} Bea[uford y^{e} 24 past] month and y^{t} he saw both Ships at Anchor in Vizagapat^{m}: Road So expect him here houerly w^{ch}: is all y^{t} ofers at Present worth yo^{r} Notice from

R^{t} Wor̃sp^{ll} S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Just now appears a great Ship wth an English fflagg at top-mast head w^{ch} suppose to be his Hono^{r}:

R.F.
T.H.
S.S.

Your most obd^{t} Serv$^{t[s]}$:
R. Freeman.
Timothy Harris.
Sam^{LL}: Swynoke.

Pettipolee y^{e} 2^{D} January 168$\frac{8}{9}\frac{4}{5}$.

To y^{e} R^{t} Worp^{LL}: Elihu Yale Esq^{R}:
Chiefe &c^{a}: Councell.

R^{t}: Worsp^{ll} S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Since ours of y^{e} 22th Largely relateing y^{e} unexpect'd and intollerable Stopp of y^{e} Towne Governo^{r}: wee have not rec̃d any from you and speedily aft^{r} Sending y^{t} Lr̃e came Advise of y^{e} Rochesters arrivall at Madapollam w^{r} y^{n} wee thought y^{e} Resolution might arrive or y^{s} & y^{r} on concluded it most for our Hon^{ble}: Mast^{rs}: intrest to agree wth Hydra Cawn on y^{e} best termes we could: our method & wayes y^{r} [unto] Sending you at large in y^{e} transcript of our Diary and Consulta-c̃on for y^{e} past month y^{r} fore give you not y^{e} trouble y^{r} of here; by it you may please to Observe y^{t} w^{n} we came to understand his Demands so extravagantly unreasonably as 800 Pag^{ds}: double y^{e} amount before hinted by his [discourse in] w^{ch} our Dubash Since affirmth: it was not Possitive or from y^{e} Governour Hydra Cawne but only y^{e} imagenary Sentiments of y^{e} Brameni who to [. . .] apprehension y^{r} [Dubass's] relation did w^{t} he [could in y^{e} benefit of] your hono^{ble} Mast^{rs} but y^{e} Resolute Govrnour continued peremtory in his [demands] alleadging y^{t} it was not Paid y^{e} Last yeare w^{t} Payd y^{n} was upon anoth^{r}: Acco^{t} and y^{t} he had before Yearly promis'd y^{s} to his Mast^{rs}: for whose account he published the Same to be w^{ch} much astonished us not haveing So much in Cash we y^{n} left him he conteming our hono^{ble}: Masters and Slighting us aft^{r} an unusuall mann^{r}: as you have at Large in y^{e} Consultation, & Diary w^{n} we w^{r} resolv'd to take Some othe^{r} course to gett y^{e} Goods ready at y^{e} wash^{rs}: into our custodie but haveing no assurance of Boats: Cooleys & oth^{r} materialls from Metchlepatam wth: out w^{ch} twould be impossible for us to effect it & our M^{r}chants to bring in [some ?] thousand peeces of ffine goods at adjacent Towns they giving us [by our] Dubas to und^{r}stand it Should be ended for 600 Pagdas and we finding it impossible to bring it to less sent y^{e} mony yesterday & about Noone this Day arrived his Rocca to his Deputy here no Long^{r}: to impe'd but furth^{r}: our buisness to w^{ch} effect.

Wee have left ourselves So bare as not above P. 153; 15:5 in Cash to defray the expenses of y^{s} month w^{ch} being y^{e} Chiefest time for buisnes will be expended long before y^{e} month be ended y^{r} fore request a Speedy Supply.

Herewth: goeth transcript of our Diary Consultac̃on Accompt Cash & Stewards Acc^{ots} for y^{e} past month unto w^{ch} please to be referr'd.

And our Bookes being transcribed fair for England, Seing cannot have y^{m} bound here we Send y^{m} in Shetts being viz^{t}: Gener^{ll}: Bookes Lr̃e B & Stewards Booke Lr̃e B: concluding y^{e} 30th Aprill last with Diary and Consultations from ℔^{mo}: January 168$\frac{3}{4}$ to 31 Decem^{r}: 84 and Copies of Lr̃es both rec̃d and Sent from y^{e} Last Setling here anno Dom 1682 to Decem^{br} 1684: all w^{ch}: he would have bound here if any fitting ℔son for y^{e} same.

Our washe[rs]: and Beat[rs]: haveing deligently keept to y[r] work I ever Since y[e] Gov[r]nour hath Stopped our recieving in Cloth or discourse w[th] our M[r]chants y[t] y[r] is soe considerable a quantity of Cloth prepared for Sorting y[t] by our dilegence hope to expedite w[th] out detarding y[e] Rochest[r] a day being advised from Metchlepatam it would be some time ere she be dispatched thence which being y[e] need full wee humbly Subscribe.

R[t] Worsp[ll] S[r] &[ca] Your most Obedient
JAMES WHEEL[E]R.
W[M]: SHALES.

James Wheeler most humbly requesteth
leave to come on y[e] Rochest[r] for Fort
S[t]: George for derections for his bte [? better]
Concluding this yeare accompts w[th] these
M[r]chants:
J. WHEEL[R]:

PETTIPOLLEE 2[D] JAN 1684.

Right Worsp[ll] S[r]

These accompanys our Generall w[th] advice y[t] [our] differences w[th] Hydra Cawn is made up tho at a deare rate w[ch] at the Stress of time could no wayes appose unless the Conclucon of y[e] yeares Contract had Laine Still: for w[ch] reason was consenting [to allow] Six hundreed pagod[s]: from our Hon[ble]: Mast[rs]: Cash & sume (w[th]: humble submission) ought to be reimburst to y[e] Compa: by y[e] Chief Since y[e] Sole: occasion of y[e] Gov[r]nour Obstructing y[e] buissiness here was by him.

Thi[s w[th]] what formerly advised referr to yo[r] Worsps bett[r]: judgm[t]: remayning.

R[t] Worsp[ll]: S[r]:
Your most Obed[t]: faithfull hum[ble]: Serv[t]:
W[M] SHALES.

The merch[ts]: were allsoe aleig'd to lett goe 400 Pagod[s]: to Sattisfy his avarricious constitucon as am Credibly informed or else our buissiness might have been yett behind hand:

MADAPOLLAM THE 6 OF JANU[RY]: $16\frac{8}{85}$.

To M[R]: ELIHU YALE CHIEF &C[A]:
COUNCELL AT FORT S[T] GEORGE.

My last to you was y[e] 22[th] Novemb[r]: last from Hughley near y[e] time of my intended departure from thence as I y[n] advised you and Gave you alsoe an acco[t]: how we had resolved of upon y[e] disposall of y[e] Severall Ships in y[e] Bay & y[t] I had hopes of bringing w[th] me a considerable quantity of Gold w[ch] happily arrived from Rajamaul before I came away and I am now thanks be to God Safely arrived upon y[e] Coast but before I left Bengall I went ashore att Ballasore were I was detained much long[r] y[n] I expected because none of their Goods was Laden before I came y[re]: but making all y[e] [expe] dition I could at length I gott from thence Viz[t]: 388 Bales of Cloth: 40 Bales of Cotten yarne & 150 Bales of Cowries and y[e] Rest of y[e] Investm[t] will come upon y[e] Defence and they have promised to advance considerable more to be payd w[th] y[e] next money y[t] shall arrive w[th] out y[e] allowance of any Interest I have treated allso w[th] y[e] M[r]chants there about comeing into a joynt Stock w[ch] they have Agreed to in all respects as itt is [at] y[e] ffort I have been also att Vizagap[a]: w[r]: I find y[e] Syam M[r]chants have taken y[e] Treasure out of her and brought her w[th] me to Metchlepatam to Secure y[e] Persia freight there because y[e] Bengall M[r]chant could not possibly come hither

by y^e^ time y^t^ M^r^ Freeman has engaged for we have also laden upon y^e^ Beaufort att Vizagap^t^ : 198 Bales and they promise to send 50 more upon a Sloope from there to be at y^e^ Fort by y^e^ 20 Instant Att Metchlepa^t^ : they have been something backward in y^r^ Investm^ts^ : w^ch^ made me very angrey w^th^ their M^r^chants but they have now promised to do great things very speedily and to advance considerably so as y^e^ Rochest^r^ may be Dispatcht from thence in time from hence they have already laden on y^e^ Rochest^r^ : 612 Bales wherby they have Advanced upon y^e^ old Investm^t^ : Pagod^s^ 5000 and there being Pagod^s^ : 7000 more upon new Investm^t^ they have promised very Speedily to bring in and Advance Pagod^s^ : 3000 more upon y^t^ : and for w^t^ they Advance they are to be allowed Interest as at Metchlepatam I have given y^m^ a great Charge for y^e^ future all wayes to keep up to y^r^ Musters to bring in y^r^ Goods in time and to Comply w^th^ their engagem^ts^ to take of Europe Goods every yeare y^t^ they may gaine y^r^ lost reputacon w^th^ y^e^ Hon^ble^ : Compa, I am y^s^ day Setting forward for Pettipolle wheth^r^ : I have ordered y^e^ Beaufort but am afraid they have no great Store of goods in a readiness there y^e^ Govern^r^ : haveing made such Stoppages of y^r^ goods upon Acco^t^ : of his Present w^ch^ was denied him upon y^e^ old Score of recieving money to defeat y^e^ Int^r^lopers w^ch^ y^r^ was a great deale of reason for in Regard he did nothing for it but in this time of our great necessity of a present dispatch of our buisiness Soe must be forced to comply when I arrive there I shall Stay a day or two and Ord^r^ : every thing for y^e^ quickest dispatch I can possible and so return to Metchlepatam & embarque agayne upon y^e^ Resolution for y^e^ ffort because I would have y^e^ Gold I bring w^t^ we Coyned as soone as possible may be and leave y^e^ Beaufort and Rochest^r^ to come [aft^r^ me] w^th^ all expedicon and now in regard we shall have new effects to y^e^ amount of near upwards of Pag^das^ [150000] I desire you to acc[quaint your M^r^chants at y^e^] Fort w^th^ it y^t^ they may bring in more Cloth then [contracted] for [formerly] also that you would write imediatly to y^e^ [South there] Factory [to day soe] y^t^ we may have y^e^ Command of goods enough and [y^n^] we must Consid^r^ : [w^t^] Ship to dispatch besides y^e^ Beaufort and Rochest^r^ but w^th^ respect to y^e^ Bengall M^r^chants and Emoy M^r^chants whose times will [be out in] June and Agust next [y^s^] is all y^t^ is necessary to advise you of till my Arrivall w^th^ you w^ch^ I endeavour may be as soon as possible I can So remayne.

Your affectionate friend
WILLIAM GYFFORD.

To THE R^t^ WORP^LL^ ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ :
CHIEFE &C^A^ : COUNCELL IN FORT S^T^ : GEORGE.

R^t^ Worp^ll^ : S^r^ : &c^a^ :

This Serves only to accompany Sloop Williams bill of Ladeing and Invoyce amo^t^ : to Pa^d^ : 10204 : f. 7 : c. 3 w^ch^ for y^e^ great^r^ : expedicon wee have Sent over Land fearing y^e^ winds being Scanty least y^e^ Sloop Should be Sometime before Shee arrive w^th^ you wee despatcht her Yest^r^ : day in y^e^ Aft^r^ : noone our next Shall Speedely bring you answ^r^ : to both yours of y^e^ 17^th^ Ult^o^ : Instan^t^ : & y^n^ Shall send our Diary and consultations for the month of Decem^b^ : in y^e^ mean time crave leave to conclude these remayning.

R^t^ Worp^ll^ : S^r^ : &c^a^ :
Your most humble Servant
JOHN WILLCOX.
RICHARD MILTON.
BENJA : BLOOME.

MADAPOLLAM JAN^{RY} : 2^{D} : 1684.

To Y^{E} R^{T} : WORSP^{LL} : ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} :
CHIEF &C^{A} : COUNCELL.

R^{t} : Worsp^{ll} ; Sir &c^{a} :

Wee recd yours of 8th Dec^{br} : y^{e} 20th D^{o} adviseing your approbation of y^{e} Settlem^{t} : of y^{e} M^{r}chants in joynt Stock we Shall take all y^{e} care imaganable y^{t} they for y^{e} future provide bett^{r} : Cloth y^{e} well Sortm^{t} w^{r} of Shall be Strictly regarded by us.

The Ship Rochest^{r} : arrived here y^{e} 22th & was dispatcht y^{e} 30th : D^{o} : haveing Laden upon her 612 bales of Sev^{ll} : sorts : of Callicoes amounting to Pag^{d} : 38146 : 13 : 2 part of w^{ch} : Invoyce to y^{e} Amo^{t} : of Pago^{ds} : 5299 : 09 : 4 is upon Creditt from y^{e} M^{r}chants of y^{s} Factory to y^{e} Honour^{ble} Compa : we have sent upon y^{e} Ship a bale of Must^{rs} : of y^{e} Severall Sorts of goods Laden upon her and we shall also Send y^{o} : Musters of y^{e} Goods last contracted for w^{n} : they are Sorted and embal^{d} : w^{ch} we hope to accomplish by y^{e} limited time viz^{t} : by y^{e} 15 of y^{e} : moth :

Those goods advised you by M^{r} Lucas y^{t} were deficient in y^{e} Dimensions & Goodness are taken upon reasonable prices from y^{e} M^{r}chants as you will ℔cieve in y^{e} Invoyce & we have let y^{m} know y^{t} y^{s} kindness Shewed at y^{s} Junture of time Shall be no example for y^{e} future nor encouragem^{t} : to y^{m} to bring Cloth in any kind defective wherunto we shall have Speciall regard as also to all other affairs of y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a}: und^{r} our managem^{t} : w^{ch} : wth : y^{e} tend^{r}: of our humble Service we Remayne

R^{t} Worsp^{ll} your most humble ser^{t}:
SAM^{LL} : WALES :
RICH : BRERETON.
BENJA : NORTHY.
CHARLES FFOWNES.

P.S.

The Rochest^{r} Invoyce & bill of Lading comes enclosed.

Please to supply us wth some pap^{r} : for we have [not] one Sheet of y^{e} Hon^{ble} Companys in y^{e} factory for any use w^{t}soever. The steward acco^{s} : wth y^{e} transcript of our consultations and [Lrs for Eng]land shall be remitted y^{o} in y^{e} 2 [or] 3 dayes they being only detain'd for y^{e} building.

COODALOOR JANUARY 16TH : 1684.

To THE WORSP^{LL} ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R}
CHIEF &C^{A} : COUNCEL AT FORT S^{T} GEORGE.

Worsp^{ll} : S^{r} : &c^{a} :

Your[s] of y^{e} 7th instant recd y^{e} 11th : Ditto to w^{ch} have given y^{e} necessary reply by Land [Conveyance] judging may Speediest come to your Reception y^{s} is [therefore] onely to advise the dispatch of Sloop Charles on whom have laden Eighty two Bales fine Goods whose Bill of lading and Invoyce are forwarded you whom shall lade wth y^{e} finest of Goods w^{ch} : hope may arrive in so good time as to be laden on your Early Ships w^{ch} : wth : y^{e} : tender of our humble Services [is] y^{e} needfull at present from

Worsp S^{r} : &c^{a} :
Your most humble servant[s]
JN^{O} : DAVIS.
RALPH INGRAM.

COODALOOR JANUARY Y^E 1684.

TO THE WORSP ELIHU YALE ESQ^R :
CHIEF &C^A : COUNCELL AT FFORT S^T GEORGE.

Worsp S^r : &c^a :

We have rec̃d yours of y^e 7 inst^t y^e 11^th and Should have given a more Speedy Supply had our buisness w^th y^e Portonovo M^r chants and here permitted w^ch Shall now respect fully due, we are sorry that we wrote you as to y^e M^rchants proff^r : of abateing 2 ℔ Cent on their first propossalls and our accepting one ℔ Cent one y^e Latt^r I should not meet w^th your approbation haveing given y^o our Reasons for it wee have accquaint'd y^e Merch^ts : of w^t you write y^t if they Comply not with y^r : Contraction in time y^t you expect they Should make good y^e first proff^r : who have promised to endeavour it w^t possible as indeed they have done and our best endeavours shall not be wanting to doe it being very Sencible how great an inconveniency it will be to y^e Hon^ble Compa : to have y^r ship lye at y^e greate Charge of demurrage and not to [have] y^e goods remitted y^m seasonably we were not unmindfull of proposing of y^e Portonovo M^rchants y^e Investment of y^e : Pagod^s : 10000 you Ordered w^ch they could by no means be obliged to accept w^th out they provided propo[r]tionably in fine goods as done at oth^r : places and y^t not to be done in y^e time limitted for w^ch you w^r pleas'd to require all Course goods we have again proposed it to y^m to make w^t Investm^t : they will und^r : take for on y^e : Condic̃ons you ord^r : to be ¾ [*sic*] parts in Course goods and 4 Parts in fine w^ch to be compleated by y^e ℔m^o : Aprill : next on w^ch : acco^t : wee would Speedily Advance to y^m Pogo^ds : 10000 and y^e rest in few months : and w^t goods they Should bring into above y^e Amo^t : of Pago^d : 10000 y^t being disco[unted] for Should allow y^m Interest for but y^s they would not except n[ei]ther and being willing to give all y^e Satisfac̃on we can therein being Sensible how Prejuditially it would be to y^e Hon^ble : Compa : to have any part of y^r tonnage returned dead fraighted : and our duty to prevent it as farr as possible lyes in our Pow^r : thought fitt to ord^r : the M^rchants to deliver in a list of w^t they would Engage to provide and one w^t Condic̃on w^ch : they did and is as followeth w^ch to be propos'd to you the condic̃ons are those they will und^r : take to bring to y^e Amo^t : of Pago^ds : 20000 according to y^r List we Speedily Advancing to y^m Pago^ds : 10000 : and Allowing them y^e Interest of 9 ℔ Cent ℔ Anñum for y^e oth^r : Pago^ds : 10000 : and for w^t money more wee Should advance to y^m by March next they would Oblige themselves to bring in goods for proportionable to w^t they had given their List of by y^e limitted time and this to w^t wee can possibly oblige y^m to by w^ch you will ℔cieve how far they and y^e Subidar are Sattisfied w^th : our proposalls und^r : takeing for nothing but on their own Condic̃ons

Long cloth Ordinary w^t	[ ]
Ditto Blue	Ps 2000
Ditto Fine	500
Sallampores ord^ry	2000
Ditto ffine	[500]
Percules Ordinary	[400]
Ditto ffine	[2000]
Betteeloes 50 Coveds	[4]
Ditto 40 Coveds.	
Neckcloths ffine 50 Cov^ds : Betteeloes	400
Ditto 40	800

Here is no mony nor Goods to be taken up at Interest of any European and we have So drained our M^rchāts y^t they have been forced to take up money at interest on a great ℔t of their Silver for carrying our Investm^ts : not being to find vent for it So timely as our Buisiness Requires as for Sorting the goods Shall take w^t : care possible therin tho you cannot but be y^t is [an] Employmen^t : that is very dificult to give content in both to y^e Hon^ble : Company and y^e M^rchants lett a mans care be never so great w^ch ought to be as farr as is just & right though for y^e

latt^{r}: its not so much our care as y^{e} form^{r}: of w^{ch} are very ambitious though things are often judged of at home by their Event and if y^{e} goods come to a good markett is well if not those that rec̃d y^{m} must necessary be in fault otherwise they would have turned to a bett^{r}: acco^{t}: were well Sattisfyed that you have been pleas'd to Supply wth money for y^{e} carrying our Affairs as farr as your abilityes would permitt you and doubt not but w^{n}: our M^{r}chants are [well rooted] and have for some time reaped y^{e} Advantage of y^{e} Compa: trade they will be able to doe much great^{r}: matters then yett they have done w^{ch} is pretty well for a begining and [Since] mett wth your abbroc̃on [*sic*] we gladly read y^{t} your M^{r}chants are here to comply wth their contract in time w^{ch} Doubless will be a very aceptable Service to our Hon^{ble}: Employers w^{ch} they consid^{r}: the Straights you have been Reduced to for y^{e} Effecting therof yo^{r} M^{r}chant mus[t] needs be able to do great things if but as willing haveing for so many years reapt y^{e} Advantage of y^{e} Hon^{ble}: Compa: trade and y^{e} trade of y^{e} place both w^{ch} being soe considerable that they must nẽds be very much inriched therby: but we know̰ them to be so faithless A generac̃on that nothing but mony will opperate wth y^{m} we herwth: forward towards Ship Rochest^{r}: and Ship Amoys Invoyces and shall Clear y^{e} amo^{t}: therof, by yo^{r} Aco^{ts}: Currant we shall accordingly do to ord^{r}: for y^{e} future Charge in our Invoyces & the Charg's on each ℔ticular sort of goods on them the Dustore for this yeares Investm^{t}: Shall be brought to y^{e} Hon^{ble}: Compa: Credit for y^{e} Salary of y^{e} Dubass and Bramines it is w^{t} ord^{r}d by you: w^{t} Given to y^{e} Compa: Servants at Portonovo was because they had Recd no share of y^{e} Dustore there w^{ch} you pleas'd to ord^{r}: w^{ch} Intend to bring to y^{e} Compa Creditt and Satisfie therwth w^{t}: more shall be thought convenient w^{ch} will be much less Charge then the Dustore for the Beteelees lost at y^{e} wash^{rs}: at Portonovo have applyed our selves to the Sabidar and Avaldar there who have promised that y^{e} Compa Shall be righted for them as farr as lyes in y^{r} power: but righted they must be out of y^{e} [Costomes . . .] by the washers for noe reason they should suffer thereby for ℔mitting the washers to carry the goods out of y^{t} Governm^{t}: we know nothing of it till the loss hapned & have Strictly forbidden it for y^{e} future we shall make all dispatch possible in Sorting and Embaleing our goods & hope we may Encrease the numb^{r}: of Bales formerly advis'd were glad to und^{r}stand y^{e} arriv[al] of y^{e} Rochest^{r} and y^{t} you Soe speedily expect her Arrivall at your port and hope She has made a good voyage It would certainly very much forward the dispatch of buisness if you think convenient to dispatch to this Port to take in w^{t} goods in a readiness w^{ch}: will require a Considerable time befor they can be remitted you by the Sloope being of Soe small Burden & must be forced to heave to windward we now dispatch towards you Sloope Charles on whom have laden Bales ffine Goods whose bills of Lading and Invoyces Shall be forwarded you by Land Conveighance w^{ch} Judge may come Speedily to yo^{r} reception.

Sloope James gott yesterday over the Barr and shall be speedily dispatched towards you wth the finest goods we have w^{ch} hope may arrive in time to be laden on an early Ship for England, w^{t} advised to be sent by Sloop Charles who have recd according to your Invoyce for w^{ch} Shall Credit your Acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: and given our M^{r}chants y^{e} best sattisfac̃on we can therwth:

If it be not yo^{r}: Pleasure to ℔mitt M^{r} Davis the liberty of comeing to y^{e} ffort before the dispatch of y^{e} Rochester he will wait yo^{r} Order tho he fears it will be so great an inconveniency to him as to be too late to dispatch his buisiness for England aft^{r}: his arrivall wth you therefore humbly intreats you will [be] pleas'd to consid^{r}: of it and ℔mit him leave for y^{e}: Shipping of two Boxes of seed Pearl for England w^{ch} he formerly requested of you w^{ch} you were pleas'd to advice came to late to be sent by the Royall James and though the Hon^{ble}: Comp: have laid a prohibition theron he hopes that may be no obstruction to sending it home: being bought before the arrival of thier Ships and their pleasure knowing therin w^{ch} M^{r}: Nicks can testifye to whom it was Consign'd from hence he therfore most humbly intreats you will please to favour him So farr as to Signify as much to them in a line or two in your General that those to whom

he consigns it may meet w^th^ no trouble in y^e^ Clearing of it in England w^ch^ he shall esteem as a great obligation w^ch^ w^th^: the tend^r^: of this humble Service to you is the needfull at Present from

Worsp^l^: S^r^: &ca
Your very humble Servants
JOHN DAVIS.
RALPH INGRAM.

P.S.

We are in great want of ffactors Provisions as writing paper black and red Inck and Some Penns which be pleas'd to forward to us by the first opp^r^tunity.

Please to Send a little Sealing wax.
Idem.
J.D.
R.I.

FROM ON BOARD THE SHIP GOL[DEN] FLEECE RIDING BEFORE Y^E^ PORT OF MERGY READY TO SAILE XBER 17^TH^ 1684.

Right Hon^ble^: &c^a^: Councel:

Gentlemen, duty obligeth me to advice Golden Fleece proceeding from y^e^ Bay of Bengall w^ch^ departed [Ballasore] road the 18 of augu^st^: last past in Ord^r^: to her proceeding home for England useing al endeavour accordingly insomuch y^t^ by the help of the Streames and very fine weather we had gayned in y^e^ Latitude of 12^d^: 30 north and about 50 Leaugs to y^e^ eastwards of Fort S^t^ George where haveing fresh winds in different faire: durst not make use of them by reason of a defect in y^e^ fore part of our ship on w^ch^: we considered w^n^ we might best secure our lives the ship and Cargo allso to repair the defect and make our ship in a Condic̃on of getting home w^ch^ we would willingly should have been y^e^ mourushes [mauritius] but y^t^ we had little probabillyty to gain that Place being not able to carry any Saile against the Sea on w^ch^ we entertained for the Port of Mergy w^ch^ we might goe to before the wind and accordingly bore away and directed our course for y^e^ attaining the said Port: on y^e^ 6^th^: of Sept^br^: being in the aforesd: Latitude & Distance from Fort S^t^ George and by Gods ꝑmission af^tr^: great troubles we arriv'd y^e^ Sd Port of Mergy one the 29 of the Same mo^th^: w^r^: we unladed our Ship I hope very effectually and have again Laden our Ship being this God willing to depart w^ch^: God in mercy give us a safe Arrivall after So troublesome a voyage.

I am also Oblidged to acquaint you that my coming from Bengall that by ord^r^: of the Agent and Councell of that place one John Whatley formerly boat swaines mate to Cap^t^: Will^m^: Wildy who had runn from him in Bengall to Serve in an Interloper who aft^r^: [our] arrivall got on Shore, and had so Privately Secured himself y^t^ we could by no means find him during our Stay not w^th^: standing all the assistance the Govern^r^: M^r^: Burnybee & M^r^: Sam^ll^ [White] could give me who on promis have engaged to send y^e^ Sd: by the next ship that shall come to the Coast [in] Irons to justifye their Discourageing any ꝑson to leave any of the Compa Shipping or oth^rs^: w^ch^ if it Should fall out I humbly Intreat he may be sent home in the Compa: Shipping as an example to all runaways for that he hath created me much trouble allready and that I am also und^r^: the Sence of the Hon^ble^: Compa: displeasure in not bringing him home w^th^ me not w^th^: standing all my Endeavours.

This being all at Present from your most ffaithfull Servant In all due observancy.

JAMES COOKE.

PETTIPOLLEE 14TH : JANRY $16\frac{84}{85}$.

TO THE RIGHT WORSPLL : ELIHU YALE ESQR :
CHIEF &CA : COUNCEL ATT FORT ST : GEORGE.

Rt : Worspll : Sr &ca :

Wee have recd yours of ye 5th : Inst : and Shall now make reply therto as to the Lading our goods on the Rochestor : we Shal take all the care imaginable we can the goods that were in a readiness before are Laden on the Beaufort by the late Chief and consign'd to the Presidt : &ca : Councell as you will ℔cieve by ours wch will come to your hands by the Sd ship.

Wee Shall not be wanting in [our utt] most Endeavours to the Mrchants to hasten the bringing in the Cloth contracted for that likewise for wt they promised the Presidt : when here and we are not wth out hope to gett them to advance more goods on Credit then : wt was promised wch : wee hope you will think a peice of Service done to our Honble : Masters this being what needfull wee have to trouble you wth at Present wee humbly remain :

Rt : Worshipfull Sr : &ca
Your most Obedient Servants
JOHN LITTLETON.
WILLIAM SHALES.

COMMISSION AND INSTRUCTION FROM THE PRESIDr : OF FORT Sr : GEORGE BEING NOW AT PETTIPOLLEE TO Mr : JNO : LITTLETON CHIEF OF SAID FFACTORY

I have ℔used your commission & Instructions from the Chief &ca : Councell at ffort St : George for the examination of a complaint against Mr James Wheeler late Chief here as for the advices of Mr : Shales his Second of ye 21th & 25th of Decembr : last but I arrived here before you was by him also accquainted wth : the whole mattr and complaints was made to me concerning him by the Mrchants ym selves in writing wch : I have read to you the Chief of wch : is his takeing from them 4000 Dollars and that if Mr Shales had [not] been security for the restoreing thereof they would have gone no further on with their Investment Mr : Wheeler redily acknowledged the receipt of ye money but he says he bought them of them at [six] Pagds : ℔ Seer and if they were not contented they might have their money again wch : they desireing it was immediately delivered to them & they declared they had nothing more to demand of him yor : Instructions also improves you to comply wth the Govrs : demand in regard of our Present necessity to dispatch our buissiness in time but that hath been done [by?] Mr Wheeler &ca : Some time Since for the same reason it is likewise recommended to you to press these Mrchants to an advance upon their Investmt : this yeare and to gett wt : abatemt you cann the first I have already treated wth them about and they have promised to advance ten thousand Pagd : more then the contract and the goods to be ready in tenn dayes for wch : they are to have interest allowed them after the rate of nine ℔ Cent ℔ Annum till wee pay them their money as for the abatemt ; you may See : wt : you cann doe wth : them before ye : Rochester comes away if not send the Factory Musters and the Mustrs : of the Cloth Sent upon the Beauford and Rochestr all to the Fort and we shal Judge of them there and give you furthr : ordr : about it hereafter and there being yet remayning Some Cloth allready in the Goedown to compleat their contract besides wt they Promise to advance you must be very dilligent to compleat both and lade them upon the Rochestr but if She should be gone before they can arrive att [Metch]lepatam then give ordr : to the same boat to bring [them] to the Fort but I had much rather if possible that they Should come upon the Rochestr : Mr Wheeler is not now to [con]cern himself in the sorting of the Cloth but Yourself Mr Shales and Mr : Stubbs must see that work done well : & pray be sure all of it comes up to mustr : for you being not constituted Chief by the Chief and [Councel of] Fort

S[t]: George I doe allso comfirm the same & doe hereby ord[r]: you to ꝑmit M[r]: Wheeler to come up to the Fort upon the Rochest[r]: that he may give a furth[r]: answ[r]: to his Charge before Myself and Councell there and your Self and M[r]: Stubbs to Stay here till you shall receive furth[r] ord[rs] from thence & in the mean time if the Gov[r]:nour Should expect any present from you upon your coming to be Chief here you must not give him any considering he hath been Present'd so largly already this year: and that you must Present when he was present'd upon acco[t]: of his vissit to me and other consideracon we then had w[ch]: must serve all und[r]: one Dated in Pettipollee this fourth day of January One thousand Six hund[d]: eighty [four?].

WILLIAM GYFFORD.

To CAP[T]: JOHN NICHOLSON.
COMMANDER OF SHIP BEAFORT [*sic*].

There being laden aboard your ship what Bales of Cloth are in a readiness at this Factory and considering that tis not worth while your ship being upon great demorage to detaine you any [longer?] here upon uncertaintyes but rath[r]: choosing to let the remaind[r]: of the Invest[t] come upon the Rochest[r]: you are forth with to repair aboard your sd Shipp and the first oppertunity of wind and weath[r]: presenting to weigh anchor and set saile bending your course for the spediest attaining the Port of Madraspatam w[h]ere when it shall please God to arrrive you in safety you are to follow the ord[r]: of the Presd[t]: and councel there so wishing you a prosperous voyage we date these Pres[ts]: in Pettipollee this 10[th]: day of January One thousand six hundreed eighty four according to the church of England.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN LITTLETON.
JAMES WHEELER.
WILLIAM SHALES.

P.S.
In the Presidents absence you are to follow the Ord[rs]: of Chief and Councill att ffort S[t] George.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN LITTLETON.
JAMES WHEELER.
WILLIAM SHALES.

This dispatch delivered 12[th]: Inst[t]:
JOHN LITTLETON.
W[m]: SHALES.

PETTIPOLLE THE 10 JAN[Y]: $16\frac{84}{85}$.

To M[R] ELIHU YALE CHIEF &C[A]:
COUNCILL AT FORT S[T]: GEORGE.

My last to you was dat'd the 6[th]: Inst[t]: from Maddapollam acquainting you w[t] I had done there Vizagapatam and Metchlepatam and that was Intended hither Since I recd yours of the eight of last month at Madapollam and another of the 2[d]: Inst: att Pettipollee ꝑ M[r]: Littleton the first gave me your large [advices] of Affairs in these parts w[ch] was very Satisfactory to me & came as oppertunly as might be while I was visiting those No[r]thern Factorys the contents of yo[r] last concerning the complaints against M[r] Wheeler: I understood immediatly upon my arrivall here the Chief of w[ch]: is his takeing four thousand Dollars out of y[e] M[r]chants chests according to their writing of complain[t]: delivered into me upon w[ch] they would provide no more cloth till M[r]: Shales was Security they would have their money restored to them this I taxt M[r] Wheeler of and he immediately accknowledged he had the money but affirm'd y[t]: he bought the Sd Dollars of them and that he was to give Pag[ds]: for them but if [they] were not contented they Should have them agayne w[ch] they desireing he delivered them accordingly and Affirms likwise that this was a trick put upon him for insisting

so much upon sorting the Cloth according to muster and telling them of makeing abatem^{ts}: upon that w^{ch} was defective and much more he has to plead for himself however since M^{r} Littleton is now here I have ordered M^{r} Wheeler to come to the Fort upon the Rochest^{r} that he may be further examined about those miscarri[a]ges he is accused of and M^{r} Littleton and M^{r}: Stubbs to remain till further Ord^{r}: hereafter from us the M^{r}chants here Since I done them the Justice they expected and that I told y^{m} that M^{r}: Littleton M^{r}: Shales and M^{r} Stubbs should now Sort the cloth: have promissed to advance Ten Thousand Pag^{ds} more then their contract the goods to be laden on the Rochester in ten dayes if possible y^{e} acco^{ts}: can yet be made up wth: them because will here of no abatem^{ts} but I have ordered the Factory Musters and Musters of the Cloth gone home to be brought to the Fort for us all to judge of that then we may heraft^{r}: write the Chief &c^{a}: hereabout w^{t} we would have done I hope to set saile upon the Resolution from Metchlepatam to the Fort four dayes hence so shall not enlarge more at Present but referr w^{t} elce needfull till itt shall arrive wth you soe remaine

Your most affectionate friend
WILLIAM GYFFORD.

PETTIPOLLEE THE 12TH: JANUARY 1684.

TO THE R^{T}: WORSPFULL ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R}:
CHIEF &C^{A} COUNCELL.

R^{t}: Worspfull Sir &c^{a}:

In a suance to yo^{r}: ord^{rs}: proceeded on my Joyrney for Pettipollee to inspect nd examine into the complaints made against M^{r} James Wheeler and in my way recd the Hon^{ble}: Presid^{ts}: Arrivall in these parts to whom ℔ Peon forwarded a letter in w^{ch}: instancing an Acco^{t}: of my desighn Some hours haveing a generall from yo^{r}: Worsp: &c^{a}: Councell derecting me to make my application to the Hon^{ble}: Presid^{t}: in relation to the ℔ mentioned but his Hon^{r}: arriveing here before me had concluded [that] buisiness so shall treat att Present little on that subject only referr you to his Hon^{rs}: Generall:

Wee herewth: send you the Hon^{ble}: Presidents Generall Copy of his Commission and Instruction to Jo^{n} Littlet[on] Bill of Loading Copy of Capt Nicholson dispatch to Fort S^{t} George and Invoyce of 240 Bales of Callicoes laden by James Wheeler &c^{a}: Councell upon the Ship Beaufort upon the Hon^{ble}: Compa Acco^{t}: and goes to the Hon^{ble}: W^{m}: Gyfford Esq^{r} Presid^{t}: &c^{a}: Councell in ffort S^{t}: George the amou^{t}: wereof is Pago^{ds}: 37063: 10: 3 w^{ch}: pray Credditt this Factory for.

Wee fully Resolve to have due recourse to all your Ord^{rs}: for the retrieving and settling w^{t}: has been amiss that wth: y^{e} more ease we may proceed to the Encouragment of the Hon^{ble}: Compa affairs in this ffactory endeavouring to ℔ swade our M^{r}chants if possible to advance upon w^{t}: promissed the Hon^{ble}: Presid^{t}: w^{ch} is the needfull att Present from

R^{t} Worsp^{ll}: Sir &c^{a}:
Your most Obed^{t}: humble Servants
JOHN LITTLETON.
WILLIAM SHALES.

TO THE HONOURABLE WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R} PRESID^{T}: FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HON^{BLE}:
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPA: ON THE COAST OF CHORMANDELL AND BAY
AND GOVEN^{R}: OF FORT S^{T}: GEORGE &C^{A}: COUNCILL:

Honoura^{le}: Sir &c^{a}

In a Postcript to Pettipolle Generall dated the 28th: Curr^{t}: I humbly requested leave to come to the Fort S^{t} George on Ship Rochester for your derections in making up this year Acco^{ts}: wth Pettipollee M^{r}chants and sent them a

Letter to Mr Thomas Lucas intimating my resol[v]es to come on the Rochestr: to do my Honble: Masters good service wch: I could not ꝑform at Pettipolle undr: the circumstances I then was wth wch Lre I humbly request may be entred in your Register.

but the Goods from that Factory Pettipollee being since Laden on Ship Beaufort and in my name whenever the Invoyce though before it was made I request'd Postcript might be their inserted that larg[e] abatemt: where to be made on them goods none of them coming near the Mustr: I think it my Duty most humbly to Request your Honr: &ca: that a bale of each Sort may be sent to the Fort and viewed by some of some Judgmt: there that the Honble: Compa: may have a proposiable abatemt from Pettipolee: Mrchants wch: I could never bring them to and was forc'd to take in those goods or more a[s] my Diary Consultations and Lre thence will demonstrate in one of wch: was Intimate[d] that if could not bring the Mrchants to reasonable tearms our last remedy should be putting their goods in Sort and after abate proportionably wch: when found could not due had no otherway then to bring musters of wt goods into your Honr: &ca wch I shall doe on the Rochestr: though by the deciept of the Factory Servants, some have been jugled from me: wch: being the needfull at Present I humbly crave leave to subscribe.

Honoublе: Sr: &ca:
Your most obedt: Servant
JAMES WHEELER.

Met[c]hlepatam the 15th of January $16\frac{84}{85}$

METCHLEPATAM THE 12TH JANY $16\frac{84}{85}$.

TO THE RIGHT WORSPLL: ELIHU YALE ESQR:
DEPUTY PRESID: & GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST:
GEORGE &ca: COUNCELL.

Rt: Worspll: Sr: &ca.

This Serves only for covert for ye enclosed Invoyce and bill of Ladeing of wt: Sapan wood Laden on board Ship Beaufort in Pettipollee road. The Honble: Presidt: is gone to vissitt that ffactory whose returne wee dayly expect:

We have not any of yours to answer and being a very buissy time shall not further enlarg but conclude & Remaine

Rt: Worspll: Sr: &ca:
Your most humble Obedict: Servt:
RP: FREMAN.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.
SAMLL: SWYNOCKE.

CONIMERE JANY ye: 23d: $16\frac{84}{85}$.

TO THE RT: WORSPLL ELIHU YALE ESQR
CHIEFE &cA: COUNCELL IN FFORT ST: GEORGE.

Rt Worspl: Sr: &ca:

This serves only to accompany Sloop Mary's bill of Ladeing and Invoyce amot: to Pagos: 10307: 30: 1: whom we dispatched ye: 21st: inst: and within a day or two shall give you of farther accot: of our affairs soe this being the needfull at present wee respectfully conclude these remaining

Rt: Wospll: Sr: &ca:
Your most humble: servants
JOHN WILLCOX.
RICHD: MILTON.
BEN: BLOOME.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM ORUM KEYA BAGINDA RATTOO SERAMOODPRABA, AND MAGGRAT MAHA RAJA IN Y^E BEHALVES OF ALL Y^E INHABITANTS OF PRIAMAN, TICON AND BARROOS TO THE HON^BLE: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY.

After our due Respects and humble Sallams presented to yo^r Hon^rs we desire you would Hon^r us so farr as to Come and make yo^r: Settlem^t: in our Countrys w^ch: will be greatly to our Sattisfaction, all the Inhabitants belonging to y^e: following townes Viz^t: Pertomly, Bantoonan (Catavoone, Sabalatoo, Epoo, Trawmangoo, Bantall, Iredekeet Manicotaw, Tarroosum boogaun, Indrapoora, Iragee, Pownjawson, Laketon, Cumbaungoo, Pallongee, Preamanparvaw, [S]herontea, Telloo, Bawtangoo, Cawpass, Pynegawnoo, Selledaw, Loompaw, Boyangor, Sarroosan, Boongoose, Pawdaur, Pauvoo, Looboopatty, Cotatangawne, Annyah Woo lacawne, Tapawele, Soonore, Preaman, Pootate, Soongielamavum, Commoomoogun, Pyingun, Gussoon, Tico[n], Massangoo, Catteagawne, Cottoopangon, Tangoongoo, Passaman, Seccelongoo, Sheccar bawvoo, Irebawgeett, Tellows emannaw, Pattahon, Tabbooyongoo, Cumcum, Natar, Dancopandan, Carroo Congoo, Sherrococongoo, Barroos, Sinkeel, and Calloot, are very desireous, that your Hon^rs: would make your settlem^t: and trade in this Country, the w^ch: Produces Gold, Round Pepper, Benjamen, Camphir, Dammer, Rattans, Cinnamon, Brimstone, and Agala, but for y^e: present there is but 1,000 Candys of Pepper procurable When the English Embassadours went to treat with the Queen of Acheen about a settlement in her Country, her Maj^e: granted leave for their Settlement in these parts.

None in this towne understanding the Carrecters the above letter was writ in, y^e meaneing of it was told by one of y^e Rajas y^t brought it Named Seramooda praboo. Memorandum.

COODALOOR JANUARY Y^E 24^TH $16\frac{84}{85}$.

TO THE WORSP^LL ELIHU YALE ESQ^R:
CHIEFE &C^A: COUNCELL:

Worsp: S^r: &c^a:

This serves to advise y^e dispatch of Sloop James, whose Invoyce and Bill of lading remitt you by Land Conveighance, Supposeing that may Speedyest reach your hands, finding the winds now to be sett into their Seasonable Cource of Nor^d: East, though we doubt not but the Charles met with a Speedy passage towards you, having the winds at South West and South East, w^ch: is w^t: we have to offer till we hear from you Soe Remaine,

Worsp: S^r: &c^a:
Your most obedient Serv^ts:

JN^O: DAVIS.
RALPH INGRAM.

P.S. Please to advise the price of ffine Salampores N^o. 17: w^ch: we find among y^e: Porto Novo Musters, but not charged.

Idem
J. D.
R. I.

CONIMERE 26TH JANUR: $16\frac{84}{85}$.

TO THE RIGHT WOFSP: ELIHU YALE [ESQR]
CHIEFE &CA COUNCELL.

Right Wofsp: Sr: &ca:

This serves only to give covert to the enclosed bill of lading and Invoice of Sloop Williams Cargoe, amt: to Pags: 18381: 15: 4: wch: wee hope is Safely arrived wth: you haveing dispatcht her yesterday we remaine,

Right Wofsp Sr: &ca:
Your most humble Servants
JOHN WILLCOX.
RICHD: MILTON.
BEN: BLOOME.

TRANSLATE OF A WRITING DELIVERED TO THE HONBLE: WM: GYFFORD ESQR: PRESIDT: BY THE HONBLE: COMPAS: MERCHTS: ATT PETTIPOLEE DATED THE 8TH: JANUARY $16\frac{84}{85}$.

Your Honr: may please to understand yt: Mr: Wheeler one ys 8: day of December last about 11 of ye Clock att Night, sent his Servant Doranala Permauloo to us, to order our ✠sent repair to his Chaimber, and we haveing keept both ye Dollar Silver, and barrs yt: we brought of ye: Honble: Compa: in ye: ffactory, because we Could not wth: Conveniency convey it up into ye Country, for fear of ye divans People, he told us he must have: 4000: Dollers wch: afterwards he tooke out of ye Chest, without any reason wch: we gave Mr: Shales to understand, and told him wth: all yt: we would not bring in any more goods for ye Honble: Compas: acct: wch he asked our reason for, and we answered him yt: we had allready brought in more goods yn we had recd: mony for from the Honble: Compa and unless he would engage to make good yt: mony to us, and ye mony Mr Wheeler had taken from us, we would not bring in any more goods, wch he pro[mised us], and we went on wth: our business all ye: above mentioned [. . . .] humbly desire yor: Honr: to bring into yor: Serious Consideration, In wittness of wch we have hereunto set our hands.

TEREGARE MUSLA.
[P]RUNDOORE CAVALOO.
[N]AGENDLY LINGAPA.
[DARMORTE ACCANA].

COODALOOR JANUARY 24TH: $16\frac{84}{85}$.

TO THE WORSPLL: ELIHU YALE ESQR:
CHIEFE &CA COUNCELL.

Worspll: Sr &ca:

This serves to advice ye: dispatch of Sloop James, whose Invoyce and Bill of Lading remi[tt] you by land conveighance supposing yt: may speediest reach your hands, finding ye: winds now to be sett in their seasonable course of North East though we doubt not but ye Charles mett wth: a speedy passage towards you, haveing ye: winds att South West, and South East, wch: is wt: we have to offer till we hear from you, Soe remaine

Worspl: Sr: &ca:
Your most Obedient Servts:
JNO: DAVIS.
RALPH INGRAM.

P.S. Please to advise y^{e}: price of fine Salampores N^{o}: 17: w^{ch}: we find among y^{e}: Porto novo Musters but not charged.

Idem.
J. D.
R. I.

CONIMERE JAN^{R}: Y^{E}: 25: $16\frac{84}{85}$.

TO THE R^{T}: WORP^{LL}: ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R}:
CHEIFE &^{CA}: COUNCELL IN FORT S^{T}: GEORGE

R^{t}: Worsp^{ll}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

We have this day dispatched Sloop William and shall send our Invoyce and bill of Lading overland, she being laden wee are loth to detain her any longer soe Remaine,

R^{t}: Worsp^{ll}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
your most hum^{ble}: Serv^{ts}:
JOHN WILLCOX.
RICH^{D}: MILTON.
BEN: BLOOME.

METCHLEPATAM Y^{E}: 21ST: JANU^{Y}: $16\frac{84}{85}$.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESID^{T}: AND GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCELL.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Our last to you was of yesterdayes date w^{n}: we dispatcht Ship Rochester, who saild hence y^{e}: same Evening wth: a fair gale soe hope she might meet wth a quick passage, we thought not fitt to detaine her for our Invoyce, the season being late, but doe now send it you, by w^{ch} may see to w^{t}: amount have Laden on board her, & hope our ℔formance this yeare will fully answere y^{e}: great Expectations Rob^{t}: Freeman gave w^{n} at y^{e}: ffort, we are still sorting of more goods and beleive shall be able to dispatch two Boats Lading to you wth: in 3 days w^{n}: shall send our Acc^{t}: Curr^{t}: y^{t}: you may know how much we stand Endebted here, all at y^{e}: Intrest of 1 ℔cent ℔month therefore desire a Supply of mony for the discharging (if not the whole) a Considerable ℔^{t}: thereof w^{ch}: will be an Encouragement to our Merch^{ts} to goe on in y^{e} provision of more goods for a winter Ship elce we can expect none.

The Hon^{ble}: Presid^{t}: upon his arrivall here order'd all y^{e} Salt Petre to be Laden on Board y^{e}: Ship Rochester therefore y^{e}: Cap^{t}: hath not pass'd any writeing to us, as ordered in yo^{r}: Gennerall of y^{e}: 15th October.

We have sent you w^{t}: Europe goods are not vendable in this place, and alsoe a small peece of Ingott [Silver . . .] view being a Considerable quantity of [Coale] therein [. . . may] be forct to runn it all anew & y^{e} Loss therein allowed of.

We are Lading y^{e}: Syam Merch^{t}: wth w^{t}: Expedition possible of Freight goods for Persia, and doe beleive Shall near fill her, but y^{e}: Passengers are soe numerous and y^{e} Season late before y^{e}: can be dispatcht, y^{t}: gives us cause to doubt her passage, the Condition of y^{e}: Cap^{t}: rendring him very [incapable] of the Employ, being sick and his memory much impaird, soe y^{t} y^{e}: trust must be upon y^{e} mates (till his recovery) of whose abilityes we are noe Judges but will hope y^{e}: best, had y^{e} Ship been of greater acomodation we had got y^{e} whole ffreight, of w^{ch} now y^{e} Dutch ℔ticipate.

After this years business is cleared and all Acc^{ts}: made up wth: our Merchants, Robert Freeman humbly intreats yo^{r}: leave to come up to y^{e} ffort unless any thing Considerable for our Hon^{ble}: Masters ℔sents to require his stay here.

The Governour of this place will speedily require a ℔sent therefore desire to know how far yo^{r}: orders will Extend thereto, w^{ch}: is all y^{t}: offers worth yo^{r}: nottce from

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Your most obedient hum^{ble}: Serv^{ts}:

ROB^{T}: FREEMAN.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.
SAMUELL SWYNOKE.

METCHLEP^{A}: JANUARY 30TH: $16\frac{84}{85}$.

To THE HON^{BLE}: W^{M} GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESID^{T}: AND GOVERNO^{R}: OF FFORT S^{T}
GEORGE &C^{A}: COUNCELL.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}:

We can now owne y^{e}: receipt of yo^{rs}: of y^{e}: 5th: Curr^{t}: and accquaint y^{t}: this day have dispatched y^{e} Ship Rochester to you wth: what goods could gett sorted and embaled to this tyme, Considerable quantity more is in y^{e} ffactory, but y^{e} Hon^{ble}: Presid^{t}: having ordered the Ships stay here no longer, but rather to send w^{t}: Should come in after by Boats or other good Conveighance, we have thought fitt to Comply therewth:, tho have not tyme to drawe up our Invoyce w^{ch}: shall be sent you overland to Morrowe when shall write you more at large w^{ch}: please to be referred to in y^{e}: Interim we humbly subscribe and remaine

Hon^{ble}: Sir

Your most humble & obedient Serv^{ts}:

ROB^{T}: FREEMAN.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.
SAM: SWYNOKE.

METCHLEPATAM Y^{E}: 24TH: JAN^{Y}: $16\frac{84}{85}$.

To THE HON^{BLE}: W^{M} GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESID^{T}: AND GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A} COUNCELL.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Our last to you was of y^{e} 21st: Instant and have only to accquaint you we are Lading goods upon Boats w^{ch}: shall dispatch to you in 3 or 4 dayes, we herewith send you our Consultation Booke, and Letters sent and received for England w^{ch}: is y^{e}: needfull at ℔sent from

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}

Your most obedient hum^{ble}: Servants

ROBERT FREEMAN.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.
SAM: SWYNOCKE.

To THE HON^{BLE}: WM: GYFFORD ESQ^{R} CONIMEERE JAN^{Y}: Y^{E}: 30TH: $16\frac{84}{85}$.
PRESID^{T}: GOVERN^{E}: &C^{A}: COUNCELL IN
FORT S^{T} GEORGE.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

We shall now respectfully give answer to yo^{r}: sev^{lls}: of y^{e}: 27th: ultimo 7th: & 16th ins^{t}: which we rec^{d}: the 30th: December: 10th: and 20th: Jan^{ry}:

By the accompanying Musters of [Chango Nar . . .] cloth you may please to observe w^{t}: improvement we have made in y^{t}: sort w^{ch}: yet we have brought to greate perfection, we having now a p^{s}: upon y^{e} loom w^{ch} yet will

come [out] much finer and prove an excellent cloth both for strength beauty and wear, [? had] we but y^e^ art of at first well [wring] the fflax, and afterwards w^n^: woven of whitening y^e^: cloth (w^ch^: at present puzzles all our inventions) it would most certainly prove a most adventagious commodity to the Hon^ble^: Comp^a^:, our Merch^ts^: for next Investment have promised to take it into their hands but at ℔sent it being in our owne and both weavers and spinners being at monthly wages (for other wyse they would doe nothing) they will not work soe cheap for us as for people of their own Cast, and w^th^: one pretence or another lazy away their tymes but w^n^: our Merch^ts^: take it upon y^m^: selves we hope to gett it as cheap as Cotten cloth, for y^e^ fflax [undrest] stands us in about Pag^s^: 6 ℔ Candy, w^ch^: is much cheaper y^n^: Cotten, but y^e^ newnesse of y^e^: invention hack [ling] w^th^: its consiquent losse, and spinning y^e^ thread w^ch^: is done w^th^: English fashion'd wheeles, will wee belive make it come out much att y^e^: same price as Cotten yarn is, if there is any one at y^e^ Fort y^t^: understands dressing fflaxen cloth, you may please to send him hither for he may be of great use to us in this new invention, the p^s^ that is now upon y^e^ loom w^n^: finisht shall send you a muster of that.

We have noe hopes of getting any Cotton yarn of you [*sic*] Merch^ts^ this year, they being by noe arguments to be ℔swaded to it but for y^e^: next investment shall procure some and follow your directions therein.

We will endeavour to ℔swade our Merch^ts^: to bring in their Indigo according to y^e^: Musters you were pleased to send us, but haveing given them part of that before w^ch^: y^e^: Cheife brought w^th^: him w^n^: he came from Madras, upon w^ch^: they are now providing we fear we shall find some difficulty in it.

We have disposed of all our Corall att y^e^: rate of P^s^: 91 ℔ m^d^.

Vittulapilla and Timboge Pontulo we are in hopes now will prove good for y^e^: Cheife the other day rec^d^: a letter from y^e^ latter wherin he writes y^t^ the Subidar and himselfe very suddainly intend down for this place, and y^t^ things will answer our expectations & writing more at large to his Substitute here, order'd him to aquaint us that our desires would be granted, this change wee suppose proceeded from their present wants of Pag^s^: 2000 the loan of w^ch^: they desired of us the other day (and here too they are writing after Gopall Pundits foul copie) but discoursing largly w^th^: their Substitute here, and telling him we wonder'd they could request such a thing of us, w^n^: they refused to grant us our desires, and intimating y^t^: they must not expect y^t^: favour of us, w^n^: they were soe backward in gratifying us, this we suppose y^e^ young man has acquainted y^m^: w^th^: and is we belive y^e^ occasion of bringing y^m^ down and of these their fair promises to us, w^n^: they come we shall farther discourse them about it, and if we find they will keep their word and grant our desires, we beleive it may be convenient to oblige y^m^: w^th^: the afors^d^: loan, and this we humbly offer to yo^r^: consideration.

According to yo^r^: orders we have been earnestly perswading our Merch^ts^: to bring us in more goods upon interest, and have at length prevaild w^th^: them for Pag^s^: 10000 more whereof 4000 to be in long cloth w^ch^ will fill up; y^e^ rest to be in Betteallas and Morrees and to be brought in to us by y^e^ 10^th^: Feb^ry^: next, The Pag^s^: 500 you were pleased to send us we have given you due credit for, & have managed it according to yo^r^: order.

Sloop W^m^: arrived in this road y^e^ 10^th^: ins^t^: from whome we landed y^e^ goods and Treasure according to Invoice, and for w^ch^ have given you Credit, the Bale of broad cloth fine N^o^: 15 came to our Port w^ch^: was an omission in us, we did not advise of it, for w^ch^: we beg your pardon.

Sloop Mary arrived here the 20^th^: from whome we have rec^d^: y^e^: Timbers and given you credit for the same, and your kind promise of sending us a proportionable share of y^e^: Pag^s^: 150000; the President brings w^th^: him being well represented to our Merch^ts^: has been a great encouragement to them, all the Sloops as soon as ever they came here we took such effectuall care, y^t^: immediatly upon their discharge of their Lading, we as soon provided them w^th^: another, and

soe dispatcht y^{m}: towards you, we are in dayly expectation of M^{r}: Dixon having a lading ready for him as soon as ever he arrives.

The Blue Cloth Rashes Spanish Duroy & the fine Violets, we could never yet perswade our Merch^{ts}: to take, y^{e}: 4 first are y^{e}: remainders of y^{e}: China Merch^{ts}: goods y^{e} 2 latter part of y^{e}: damag^{d} Bengall cloth, and finding there is noe possibility of disposing of y^{m}: here we returned them to you upon the Mary.

Herewth: comes our Dyary and Consultations for y^{e}: Month of Dec^{br}:

Wee heartily & respectfully congratulate his Hon^{rs}: safe arrivall at Madras soe this being y^{e}: needfull we remain,

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most hum^{ble}: Serv^{ts}:-
JOHN WILLCOX.
RICH^{D}: MILTON.
BEN: BLOOME.

PETTIPOLEE THE 20TH JANUARY $16\frac{84}{85}$.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESID^{T}: OF FFORT S^{T}: GEORGE
COAST OF CHORMANDELL GING^{E}LY
BAY OF BENGALA & ORIZA &C^{A}:
RESPECTIVE COUNCELL.

Honourable Sir: &c^{a}:

We had sooner remitted you an Acc^{t}: of yo^{r}: proceedings here, had our Merch^{ts}: complyed wth: their promise to y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Presid^{t}: of providing upon Creditt for y^{e} Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: 10000 Pag^{s}: vallue of goods, over and above w^{t}: they contracted for, true tis they made it their endeavours to free themselves from their obligation by bringing in great ℔cells of Sallampores, but finding them considerably short of Muster, as well as ill Cured, apprehended it our safest Course to turne y^{m}: upon their hands, only takeing in Such goods, as in our Judgements would reach Muster, w^{ch}: were as many as amounted to their first contract the goods being cast up att y^{e} head Muster, though they pretend themselvs, no furth^{r}: obliged then to the number of peeces, to decide w^{ch}: shall leave to your better Judgements.

Amongst y^{e}: Cloth they lately brought in, was found some wth: Marks blurred out, w^{ch}: occasioned us to Suspect it was turned out Cloth, but upon strict inquiry, and by y^{e} assistance of y^{e}: Chiefs Dubash, Gruah, we was made Sensible it was goods belonging to the Interlopers (w^{ch} beleive was turned out by them) we imediatly upon notice thereof ordered such Cloth to remaine in y^{e}: Godowne till further orders ffrom yo^{r}: honoured selves.

W^{t}: Goods we had in a readiness, [have . . .] put on Board a Country Boat, belonging to the [Shaw] bander of this place w^{ch}: is 77 Bales w^{ch}: God send safe to you, the ℔ticulars will appear [by] Invoyce w^{ch}: goes by Boat, y^{e}: Amount whereof is Pags: 10464: 2: $4\frac{1}{2}$ & pray Creditt this ffactory for the same.

Wee have ventured att y^{e}: request of y^{e}: Merch^{ts}: on 20 Setts of Curtains and Vallaines att 10: Pag^{s}: ℔ Sett if approved off by you, or otherwise to returne them they obliging themselves to receive them againe, w^{ch}: is the needfull att Present ffrom.

Honourable Sir &c^{a}:
Your most obedient Servants
JOHN LITTLETON.
W^{M}: SHALES.

P: S: Since y^e^ signeing of this, Musla the Cheife Merch^t^: waited upon y^e^ Cheif & Councell acquainting y^m^: himselfe &c^a^: Merch^ts^: desired a Bill from them, for the Amount of y^e^: Invoice, now comeing to you upon Boate, the Councell returned of themselves they could not grant their request till further orders from y^e^: ffort, they apprehending those goods brought in, since his Hon^rs^: departure, was no more then a bare complyance w^th^: their first contract, and not upon Credit, for y^e^: deciding of w^ch^: point shall act nothing in, till your farther orders signifyed to

JOHN LITTLETON.
W^M^: SHALES.

TRANSLATE OF TEREGARY MUSLYA AND COMPANY RECEIPT FOR THREE CHESTS OF SILVER AND 1500 PAG^S^: P^D^: THEM ON THEIR CONTRACT.

We Teregary Muslia and Comp^a^: do accknowledge that we have rec^d^: of M^r^: James Wheeler Cheife &c^a^: Councell of Pettipolee, Six Barrs of Silver, Poyzing 659 ^lb^: 6^oz^: 15^dwt^ Eight Bags q^t^: 4000 Dollers Poyzing Ozs 3511: 5^dwt^ and 1500 Pag^s^: in ready mony upon our last Contract, and we are to pay for y^e^: Silver at y^e^: same rate M^r^: Lucas shall sett att Metchlep^a^:

Wittness.
SHERRE PRAGGADA BRAMHAJEE.
NADUM CAMA CHETTY.

TERREGAR MUSLIA.
SUNDOORE DAVALOO.
CHINTALLA POONDE MUTTALO.
NAGUNDLA LINGAPA.
SUNDOORE GOVINDO.
COLA JANA.
PASMORTE PAVAPA.
ZAVADEE YELLIAH.
ADDAPALEE ZANGUM.
PASMORTEE ACCIAH.
ALLA PAUTEE VENCTA PUTTY.
PILLARE SHETTE SHETTE.
MUNNA COORE GRUAPA.
SADRA GRUIAH.
BATTA MULLIAH.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM HYDRA CAWNE GOVER^R^: OF PETTIPOLEE COUNTRY TO M^R^: JAMES WHEELER CHEIFE OF PETTIPOLEE DATED 15: DECEM^R^: 1684.

I hear y^t^: for all y^e^: Divans People Putt a duroy upon you, yett you went on our Muskett, I thought you had been an understanding man, but now I see all yo^r^: Ingenuity, you ought to remaine in yo^r^: owne ffactory, and Carry on yo^r^: business there, I would faine know by w^t^: authority you doe such unreasonable things, if any one committs faults once or twice, they may be forgiven, therefore I forgive you for this once, but if hence forward you doe such things you shall suffer for it, you must Consider very well of these things and Remaine quiett in your ffactory.

MADAPOLLAM JAN^RY^: 25 $16\frac{84}{85}$.

To Y^E^ HON^BLE^: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R^:
PRESIDENT &C^A^: COUNCELL.

Hon^ble^: S^r^ &c^a^:

We herew^th^: remitt you a Transcript of our Consultations, Dyary &c^a^: Gen^ll^: booke Letter F Letters rec^d^: and sent, w^th^: the Stewards book of Expences to be sent to England to y^e^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: w^ch^: we hope will arrive in tyme to goe on y^e^: ships.

What goods we Shall have of y^e^: Merch^ts^: y^s^: yeare on y^e^: joynt Stock account, will be all made up w^th^: in 2 days, but neither of y^e^: Shipps y^e^ Hon^ble^: President &c^a^: Councell at Metchlep^m^; order'd y^m^: to be Laden on, will be ready in less y^n^: 5 days neither is their any other Conveyance for s^d^ goods to yo^r^: Hon^r^: &c^a^: Councell to be had here, we hasten and forward all we can y^e^: Comander of y^e^: Trivetore, w^ch^: will be y^e^; first Ship, y^t^: if possible he may get in readiness and take in our goods tyme enough to reach some of y^e^ Europe Shipps at y^e^: ffort, w^ch^: w^th^: our most humble Services Presented w^t^: occurs from

Hon^ble^: Sir &c^a^:

Your most humble Servants

SAM: WALES.
RICH: BRERETON.
BEN: NORTHEY.
CHA: FFOWNES.

P.S.—Since writeing of y^e^: above rec^d^: advices yo^r^: Hossenbeauge is sett out from Gulcondah towards these parts, we entreat y^r^: orders to us concerning y^e^: Present to be given him, as allso y^t^: you'l please to supply us w^th^: mony y^e^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: Cash in y^s^: ffactory being at y^s^: tyme very Low.

Id: S. WALES.
R. BRERETON.
B. NORTHEY.
C. FFOWNES.

VIZAGAP^M^: JANUARY 24^TH^: $16\frac{84}{85}$.

To Y^E^: HON^BLE^: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R^:
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R^: &C^A^: COUNCELL.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

Since y^e^: dispatch of our Generall of the 3^d^: October we have rec̃d: yo^rs^: dated y^e^: 18 ditto & 24^th^: November, upon y^e^: 14^th^: Novemb^r^: and 13^th^: December following, whereunto we have not had leasure to reply sooner, occasiond by Ric̃hd: Browne's long attendance on his Excellency the Seirlascar at his Court at Checkacole we shall now therefore answer them in order.

The 2000 Pag^s^: and 4000 Royalls of $\frac{8}{8}$ we have rec̃d from Madapollam for w^ch^: have creditted yo^r^: acc^t^: Currant and altho they arrived us late have Invested neere to y^e^: full of y^e^: Stock consigned us, in a well proportioned Carg^o^: w^ch^: hope will be w^th^: you in due tyme to your satisfaction, Beese wax, Ebbony, & Turmericke cannot possibly be procured tho have used our best endeavours, yo^r^: orders arriveing after the season, for y^e^: provision of those Comodities, and if you still require a quantity of each to be ready on all occasions, you may please to Signifie yo^r^: pleasure early in y^e^: yeare, otherwise you will continually disappointed therein, Rich^d^: Browne renders his gratefull acknowelgments for a Continuance at this place and is well pleased that his first endeavours proves Satisfactory, and we hope our diligence for the accomplishm^t^: of this yeares Investment will afford the same, It having been y^e^; Subject matter of our whole care & buisness not to over pass a minute, y^t^: might serve for y^e^: seasonable Sorteing & Packing, & to have had all in a readiness against the Ships returne from the Bay, in w^ch^: we had not failed had we not been abused by y^e^: dubass, and others who since theire being brought [...] wages, have endeavoured to obstruct our business but shall [duely reward their] Knavery and imploy others more deserving & honest and now y^t^: we have obtaind a compleate settlement and larger priviledges as by our Consultation of y^e^: 10 November in w^ch^; you will see w^t^ Sum̃ary acc^t^ of

y^e^ whole negotiac̃on whereunto pleased to be referred, we shall settle a Comp^a^: of Merch^ts^: according to yo^r^: directions, and for another yeares investment, give such good testimoneys of an improvement as to incline you to esteeme this Settlem^t^: as benificiall a[s] any y^e^: Comp^a^: have and presume you will have noe disesteeme of it from this years transactions, our cloth being near 20 ℔ C^t^ better y^n^: heretofore w^ch^: w^th^: Submission may be reckond soe much the Cheaper, and the best way of serveing the Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: Interest, M^r^: Ramsden in conformity to his desire in a gr̃all to us, w^ch^: comes herew^th^: takes his passage upon the Sloope Gingerlee, wherein he promised to cleare y^e^: remaining part of his debt, and indede we cannot but in justice recom̃end him to yo^r^: favour having well deserved in comenceing y^e^: Settlement here, wherein he Served y^e^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: faithfully, and w^th^: his best endeavours, and presume he will be serviceable in y^e^: imploy he sues for if you shall please to favour him therein: our being wholy taken up in compleateing our Settlement w^ch^: is now done to good effect as may please to see by his Excellency's gr̃all Rocca upon our new Cowle, Coppie whereof comes inclosed, has occasioned y^e^: omission of sending our Consultac̃ons & acc^t^: Cash Since y^e^: Ultimo August last, they now come to y^e^: end of December & a monthly dispatch of them for y^e^: future Shall carefully observe, we send you upon this Sloope w^t^: part of our goods, she can conveniently take in being 159 Bales amounteing unto as ℔ Invoyce Pag^s^: 8943:30 the rest shall come by another Sloope now ready, and hope will arrive in season yo^r^: orders re ladeing to the Syam Merch^t^: Should have been Complyed with but that his Hon^r^: y^e^: President altered the designes we shall in y^e^: future make is of y^e^ liberty you are pleased to grant us in takeing Coppies of all packetts directed to your Selves to prevent any prejudice in Case of a miscariage which being what we have at ℔sent to Communicate we respectfully Subscribe.

P.S.—This Sloope y^e^ Gingerlee we purchased of M^r^: Ramsden for Pag^s^: 500 w^ch^: proves a good oppertunity to send you our remaining goods to y^e^: ffort.

R.B.
C. FF.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

Your very hum^ble^: Servants

R. Browne.
Charles ffleetwood.

Vizagap^m^: the 24^th^: Jan^ry^: $16\frac{84}{85}$

To the Worsp^ll^ Richard
Browne Chiefe &c^a^: Councell.

S^rs^:

Being mightily rejoyced at the well Management of y^e^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: Affairs i[n] this ffactory gives me great encouragement to use y^e^: utmost of my endeavours to be Settled here Second and having nere an oportunity upon y^e^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Sloope, w^ch^ is very speedily design'd for y^e^: ffort and being some tyme past in a Gen^ll^: from y^e^: Worsp^ll^: Elihu Yale order'd up, doe designe God willing to take my passage upon her where when it shall please God to arrive me in Safety shall make my applycation to y^e^: R^t^: Hon^ble^: Presid^t^: & Govern^r^: &^ca^; Councell for my returne to this place, second which if it may be my good fortune to obtaine shall readily accept of, not in the least doubting but to livew^th^: Tenn times y^e^ Satisfaction y^t^: [I ever did] when in place myselfe.

As for my debt to y^e^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ : [s]ome part of alredy satisfied.

	Pag^s^		
Cash in y^e^ Month March	100 :	00 :	00
Primgees debt w^ch^ : noe feare of recovering.	658 :	27 :	4
Monga[r]az debt to me w^e^ : you sometime since wrote a Gen^ll^ : about	300 :	00 :	00
A Sloope	500 :	00 :	00
My Sallary about	042 :	00 :	00
Acc^t^ of Arthur Seymours Shipps ffreight ...	070 :	00 :	00
	1670 :	27 :	4

As for y^e^ remaineing foure hundred and odd Pag^s^ : shall Satisfy at y^e^ : ffort or at my returne w^ch^ : his Hon^r^ ; &c^a^ : Councill shall think most convenient w^ch^ ; being w^ts^ : needfull at ℔sent most respectfully remaine,

Your very oblidged hum^ble^ Serv^t^ :

GEORGE RAMSDEN.

TRANSLATE OF HIS EXCELL^E^ : GRATIOUS ROCCA UPON OUR NEW COWLE GRANTED TO RICHARD BROWNE.

To all Avalders, Renters, Divans Petty Servants, Cheife Inhabitants, Inhabitants and Towne Connycoplys, that I have granted this Cowle to M^r^ : Rich : Browne Chiefe of Vizagapatam that whereas I granted y^e^ Copper, Tutanage, Tinn &c^a^ : Goods and Cloth shall be custome free at y^e^ : following Seaports Viz^t^ : Pentacoata, Vatuda, Poondee, Madaca, Vizagap^a^ :, Bimlep^a^ : Conarra, Collipellee, Collingap^a^ ; Poondee Barrua and from Soonapooram to Ganzam, now in like manner I grant according to y^e^ Phirmaund y^t^ all Graine be Custome free in y^e^ afores^d^ : sea Ports to be either Imported or Exported and order y : y^e^ : aboves^d^ : ℔sons doe not Stop any of y^e^ : afores^d^ : goods for Custome.

COODALOOR JANUARY 30^TH^ : $16\frac{84}{85}$

To THE WORSP^LL^ : ELIHU YALE ESQ^E^ :
CHEIF &C^A^ : COUNCELL AT FFORT S^T^ : GEORGE.

Worsp^l^ : S : &c^a^ :

We have rec̄d yo^rs^ of y^e^ 21^st^ : past y^e^ : 27^th^ : Instant by M^r^ : Ord and M^r^ : Cawley who arrived here that day, We shall according to your order oblige the Merch^ts^ : as Speedily as possible to comply w^th^ : their Contract, being very sensible how much it imports y^e^ : advantage of our Hon^ble^ : Employers, for y^e^ preve[n]tion of y^e^ : great charge they must necessarily be at if their Shipps be detained any time on demorage w^ch^ : are sensible is your greatest care to prevent ; we are Sorry to understand our Shipps should not be yet arrived w^th^ : you and hope it will please God to favour y^m^ : w^th^ : such pro[s]perous winds as may speedily arrive them w^th^ : you, the Season of y^e^ : yeare being now far spent, and if much longer detarded must needs Expose them to the hazard of a winter voyage, w^ch^ : we are sure yo^r^ : endeavours will be such as by all meanes possible to prevent, and to assist you therein what possible shall forward your goods to you by y^e^ : Speediest conveighance y^t^ : offers, having made enquiry here for Vessells for their transportation but none procurable, therefor wrote to Porto Novo to endeavour it there, As for y^e^ : goods lost at Porto Novo shall not be wanting to indamnifie y^e^ Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ : for y^r^ haveing ordered M^r^ : Ord if y^e^ washers are not in a Condition of makeing sattisfaction for y^m^ : now to oblige y^m^ : to discount it on y^e^ : Investment now to be agreed for.

It's true Sampson served us some time longer after the Conclusion of y^e^ Investment, but having been pleased to order him y^e^ : half of y^e^ dustore thought y^t^ might have Sufficed, but since you have been pleased to order the Payment of him for y^e^ : time Extraordinary it shall be allowed him.

The Am^t^ of Ship Rochesters and Amoy Merch^ts^ : Invoices are according to yo^r^ : order [settl.] ed of by your Acc^t^ : Curr^t^ : we are sorry y^t^ : w^t^ : we wrote you as to our Sortements should be disapproved, and shall according to order remitt our Musters home.

M^r^ Davis shall according to order give M^r^ : Ord a full acc^t^ : of y^e^ : state of affaires here, and deliver him y^e^ : Ballance of y^e^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ : Cash, w^ch^ : done proceed towards you, and humbly thanks you for your permission. As for y^e^ : investm^t^ : to be made at Portonovo you having been pleased to recommend to y^e^ : care of M^r^ : Ord and M^r^ : Cawley hope they will give you all satisfaction therein, and increase in y^e^ : quantity of Course goods, w^ch^ : know must needs be very acceptable at this time, in order to y^e^ dispatch of y^e^ : business M^r^ : Cawley was dispatched for Porto Novo the 27^th^ : instant, and M^r^ : Ord the 28^th^, w^th^ : order to lade the finest of y^e^ goods there on Sloope [Charles] and dispatch her towards you as soon as possible, from whom understand her dispatch yesterday, whose Invoice herew^th^ : remitt you, Bill of Ladeing being forwarded by her from Portonovo.

You haveing been pleased to order M^r^ : Ord and M^r^ : Cawley to mannage affaires at Porto Novo and be accountable to this ffactory.

We have thought fitt that all acc^ts^ : relateing to that ffactory be cleared of by their Acc^t^ : Currant (what for y^e^ past yeare being brought into our Books) and w^t^ : for the ℔sent Investment to be brought into their books, w^ch^ : to be remitted at y^e^ : Close, and y^e^ : Ballance to be brought into our Books w^ch^ : is the needfull at present Save y^e^ tender of our respects from

Worsp^ll^ : S^r^ : &c^a^ :
Your most obedient Servants
Jn^o^ : Davis.
Ralph Ingram.

I Geakeadar by great lucke & continuall meriting and deserving of my Person, I bow my head instantly, under y^e^ feet of God of y^e^ great may^t^ : & my King & Lord, I doe know and understand y^e^ English Superior, y^t^ : we have doe translate into Barmas Languadge y^t^ letter w^ch^ : he had sent us out of w^ch^ : we understand his desire for y^e^ establishmen^t^ : of ffactories at Syam, Pegu, and Ava, it[e]m y^t^ : our Subaltare Governours, ought to deliver y^m^ : a good tractm^t^ : & respect, and by ease our Chapmen buy some Mercha[n]dize wares from y^e^ English, and after y^t^ : did not pay y^m^ : then he may oblidge y^t^ : man to pay w^t^ : he debt to him, item if their Ship suffers Shiprack may y^e^ : saved men return back again at their Country w^th^ : out any hinder, item all goods of y^e^ : deceased Englesman, may his owne people get it, in their p[ower] wi^th^out any contradiction, and Contrarity 1 Concerning this 4 or 5 articles we doubt not his approbation, as w^n^ : y^e^ : English Superior will service his may^t^ the King my Lord as is his obligation, and upon all the other articles is not possible to grand approbation, but y^e^ said superior will come or send some body heare, y^n^ : we will take our Councell in such manner y^t^ : we may move y^e^ : King to piety, and I shall doe all possible diligence in this matter.

Since y^e^ : tyme of y^e^ predecessors of his may^t^ : till y^e^ time of this our King, is y^e^ : use to pay custome of each [. . .] one and therefore men cannot say it must be so, or so, as w^n^ : you appear before y^e^ : gold feet of his May^t^ : and service him y^n^ : may pray thim [i]f he please to doe this favour, and graut leave for y^e^ export of Salpetter likewise alsoe, that you may exercise yo^r^ : Cristian duty in yo^r^ : ffactory, item w^n^ : the Englis have some pleading against another, that it may agree before themselfe, or may apresented before his May^t^ : y^e^ : King, item w^n^ : some body owed to an English man, and alsoe to another man, must pay first

y^e^: Englishman, item children as well son as daughter, w^ch^: an Englishman may begett w^th^: a woman of this Country he may bring y^m^: out of this place w^th^: out any molest and hinder, item as when a ship come in heare he may depart from hence again w^n^: he please w^th^: out takeing leave of y^e^ Gover^r^: of this court, all this and the rest moor had told us y^t^ Cap^t^: Jn^o^: Perera de farra, thereupon we answer its not Convenient to propund all this question, but as well Englishman as other nation, that come hence, and appear w^th^: their present before y^e^: gold feet of our Royall person, and service them, and being servant then he may pray his may^t^: to doe him some favour and according his deserve he shall receive it, and then we shall see w^t^: is just to helpe you in such manner as shall be necessary.

PETTIPOLEE 26^TH^ JANUARY $16\frac{84}{85}$

To THE HON^BLE^: W^M^ GYFFORD ESQ^R^:
PRESID^T^: &^A^: COUNCELL OF FFORT S^T^: GEORGE.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &^ca^:

By this Boat you will receive 7^7^ Bales of Callicoes, w^ch^: is all we have in a readiness y^e^ Invoice of their amount comes herew^th^:

We shall write you more at large this night by Land to w^ch^: humbly desire you to be referred, we Remaine,

Honourable S^r^: &c^a^:
Your most Obedient Serv^t^:
JN^O^: LITTLETON.
W^M^: SHALES.

P.S. There is a Bale of Curtains w^ch^: we desire you to ℔use they being at yo^r^ pleasure, to take, or refuse, att 10 Pag^s^: ℔ Sett.

METCHLEP^A^: THE 30^TH^: JAN^RY^: $16\frac{84}{85}$

To THE HON^BLE^: W^M^: GYFFORD ESQ^R^:
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FFORT S^T^: GEORGE &^CA^: COUNCELL.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &^ca^:

The Cheife import of this is to acquaint you, that this day arrived y^e^: Ship Loyall Eagle (Cap^t^: Bonnell Commander) from England who is Consigned by y^e^: Hon^ble^: Company directly for y^e^: Bay and haveing made tryall to obtaine y^e^ Port, that by Contrary winds forced hither to refresh his ships Company, many of y^m^: being sick and 29 Buried in y^e^ Voyage, he saild from England the 8^th^: May and intends in 5 or 6 days to make another attempt for Bengall w^ch^: is now very fatill, we have Endeavoured to ℔swade his stay here till can give you advice thereof and receive an answer, but he refuses, it not being agreeable to Charter ℔ty, and Bill of Loading w^t^: letters is brought ashoare for your ℔^ts^ accompanyes this, we shall make due Enquiry for more and if any give y^m^: Imediate dispatch.

The Syam Merch^t^: has received in all her ffreight goods and will saile in two days more, the Cap^t^: is in a very bad Condition and beleived will hardly recover the rest of y^e^: Shipps Company are ill Govern'd and not worthy of their Employs, being Sotts, fools, and Madmen soe y^t^: we have great reason to fear the ill success of y^e^: Voyage, but will hope the best and remaine,

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:
Your most humble Servants
ROB^T^: FFREEMAN.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.
SAM: SWYNOCK.

S^{r}:

Being for recruiting my wants obleidged, to touch at this place in my passadge to Bengala I take this opertunity to pay my respects to yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: and give you a concille acc^{t}: of our voyadge because its somew^{t}: singular, be pleased to know y^{n}:, y^{t}: we left y^{e}: dounes y^{e}: 23^{d}: of March 1684 and with a faire wind gott cleare of England but about 120 leagues to y^{e} west ward of y^{e} lands end we wer arested by a Storme w^{ch}: after it had blowen away our maine mast at last in fine forced us back againe to Plymouth from w^{ch}: place we could not gett loose till on thursday y^{e}. 8th: May at w^{ch}: time our Ship being refitted we put to sea wth: a wind w^{ch}: served us only to put wth: out y^{e}: maisstone of Plymouth sound we were then taken short wth: a S: West wind but being Summer tyme and well knowing y^{e}: inconveniencies of a port in regard of our men I keept y^{e} Sea and after we had plyed to wind ward till y^{e}: 13th: instant had a wind w^{ch}: put us cleare of the channell and on y^{e}: 17th: instant mett wth: a Pincke from [B]arbadoes bound for London by whom I sent letters y^{e}: 20th: instant fell in company wth: a Dutch Ship bound for Surana[m] and y^{e}: next day wth: a small Plymouth Vessell bound for Cape de Verdes w^{ch}: y^{e}: next day parted with us againe the 30th: I putt my letters on board y^{e}: Dutch Ship & y^{n} parted.

June 1684 y^{e}: last month we sailed along wth: some satisfaction finding our Ship to sayle well enough wth: other ships y^{t}: wear in our company and wth: hopes of arriveing India tyme enough to be dispatch'd for Europe as Cap^{t}: Gayer was but this month no sooner began but our people begane lykwayes to complaine of y^{e}: scurvy w^{ch}: was a great surprise and disapointment to me in regard we came so lately from a port and though I had taken all y^{e} care imaginable to provide against y^{e}: distemper for having bought a greater quantity of caskes att Plymouth I fil'd y^{m}: wth water [y^{t}] there might be no want of y^{t}: in y^{e}: Voyadgie y^{e}: want of w^{ch}: we generally conceave is a great abetter to y^{e} disease but now we had three or fouer ℔sons doune and fearing y^{e}: others we thought to touch at S^{t}: Jago for a day or two this being a very good season of y^{e} year for fruite att y^{t} [Island at y^{t} ...] quantity of the refreshm^{t}: we could buy there w^{ch}: will keep severall days and by replenishing our water we might some [w^{t}:] alter y^{e} gross humour of our Syllers bodyes and at least keept them from Sickning soe soone but w^{n}: we came into y^{e}: lattitude of S^{t}: Jago and thought to have borne down to y^{e} Island (as if Providence had designed all y^{t}: should befall us) we were disapointed by a contrary wind y^{e} course of nature was inverted at y^{t}: wind w^{ch}: used constantly in those parts to blow Northerly we found w^{t}: and w^{t}: by No: right in our teeth is I thought at first only a frolicke of nature for y^{t}: we used to have sea breezes some times in y^{e} road w^{ch} last not long, but after I spent a day and a halfe busking too and fro not being in circumstances to loose tyme I steered away to prosecute my Voyage the 6th: instant I left endeavouring for S^{t}: Jago from whence to y^{e}: lyne: our passadge was extreame tedious having very small winds and those scantt for us.

July it was y^{e}: 8th: of this month before we could cross the Equinoctiall w^{ch} we did about 14d^{eg} to y^{e}: west ward of Ramhead all this month we had small winds and those very scantt w^{ch}: made me allmost fear y^{e} shoals of Brazeell our passadge was tedious and our Ship Sickly though I did what I could keep up there spirrits by encouradgeing there playes and diversions by using a familliar and mild command those y^{t}: were sicke we used our utmost endeavour to recover, wine and brandie, wth: lime watter they had a compitent quantitie constantly allowed them but this distemper is of a nature that hardly admitts of cure on board of Ship out of Port for all y^{e} ℔sons that sickned soe soon as this dyed before we could reach Maritius this month was spent though we maid no progress answearable to the tyme.

A'gust all this month likewayes was spent before we could come up wth: y^{e}: Cape and each day added to y^{e}: number of y^{e}: sick by y^{e}: 30th this month we had buried 5 ℔sons and had Sick about 30 of my best seamen y^{e}: last of this month I

call'd my officers to resolve w^{t}: to doe in y^{e}: miserable circumstances we war under, we wer thinking to goe to the Cape but y^{t}: night it blew such a violent storme at y^{e}: west side y^{t}: we being oblidged to goe before it, soon putt us past y^{e}: Port y^{e}: wind continued Wstly: for severall days afterwards.

Sep^{t}: y^{e}: 1st: we [sounded] and had ground and y^{e} same day buried an other Seaman, y^{e} 6th Instant| we met [wth] Cap^{t}: Hadding in y^{e}: Caralino wth: y^{e}: Laurell in his Company, y^{e}: weather being moderate he was so kind to come and board me, w^{n}: he might well admire as he did to find so few People on y^{e}: deck of so large a Ship, I writt your worship y^{n}: y^{e}: circumstances we were in as well as y^{e}: tyme and place would admitt, Cape Bona Esperanza being an ill place for Ships to stay long togeather as soon as Capt Harden had my letters we parted, and y^{e}: next day we encountred Cap^{t}: Ravans in y^{e}: Coast who was very ill then but y^{e}: weather being bad could venture noe nearer y^{n} to satisfie him, all was at peace at home and soe left him.

To this tyme we had a fair fresh gale, w^{ch}: gave us hopes of a speedy passage Mauritius, for by the dayley increase of our sickmen, we found it absolute necessary to touch at some place for y^{e} saveing of our lives, y^{t}: we might be able to mannage our Ship but y^{e}: next day being y^{e}: 8th: Instant proved ca[l]me and a contrary wind succeeded itt w^{ch}: cruelly dashed all our hopes and soe discouraged all our sick people y^{t} their spirit drooping they began to dye apace all y^{e} remaining part of this month, we had but small winds, and by the last day of it we had buried 14 men and those y^{t}: were sick were about 45 I cant represent y^{e} unhappiness we were in at this tyme, we had to doe wth contrary winds, and was obliged to tack of as occasion required, we had a great deale of worke to goe through a few hands and my comand was chainged from [doe this] or y^{t} to come let us doe it, for there was hardly any worke but I layed my hands to, y^{t}: I might oblidge my officers to doe the like, and encourage y^{e} Poor remaining part of my men, that were yett well but allmost tired out wth continuall duty y^{e}: Passengers were oblidging, and w^{n} I watched did keep me Company, and helped upon any occasion.

Octob^{r}: from y^{e} beginning of this till our arrivall to Mauritius every other day dyed a man and sickned two. We arrived y^{e}: 16th: sufficiently sattisfied y^{t}: we could get well into Port and make our Ship fast.

I wrote you from this place by a conveyance wth: y^{e}: Govern^{r}: of this Island, tho gave noe hopes of y^{e}: condition we were in but doubting whether you may have y^{e} good fortune of itts coming to your hands, I have inverted y^{e} same here w^{ch}: I doe to no other purpose, but to ℔swade yo^{r}: Worsp: I should not betray your Interest to such manifest disadvantage, as y^{e}: loss of my passage, wth: out an unavoyadble necessity, for certainly had we not touched we had not been in beeing at y^{s}: time, or if any of the healthiest might be alive, would have been driving too and froo y^{e} sea unable to manage y^{e} Ship and should have only prolong inevertable [*sic*] fate.

When we anchored in Carpenters Bay of Mauritius, we buried 22 ℔sons, and came soe miserably weake y^{t}: we had much adoe to gett our boats out, tho wth: our Capsterne, we brought in wth: us fifty one sicke, Judge I pray you w^{t}: a condition I must be in, not haveing above 35 sound ℔sons of men & boyes, we put all our men y^{t} were sicke ashore and disposed y^{m} under four tents where such as were able cooke'd such provisions as we could gett y^{m}: on shoar for those y^{t}: where helpless, in y^{e}: carrying of y^{m}: on shoar y^{e}: weakest fainted away frequently, w^{n}: they came to be exposed to y^{e}: Aire, and some y^{t}: were past recovery soon dyed, my first care was to contrive some way to let y^{e} Govern^{r}: of y^{s}: Country, wth: whome in my former voyadges, I contracted a ffriendship know I was here, and by his means procure all y^{e}: refreshments y^{e}: Island could afford, but as we were a hunting in the woods, y^{e}: third day after we came in, we mett with a Dutch man who oblidged to carry my letters to y^{e}: Govern^{r}: in y^{e}: mean tyme myself and y^{e}: most healthy and vigorous of my companions chose to hunt, haveing but very [few ?] hands to doe y^{e} worke of y^{e}: Ship, y^{e} [masteiff dog w^{ch}: Captain]

Harding very kindly spared us did us a great deall of service my owne doggs y^t: were Greyhounds, being [barely] able to run upon such a cruell rockey country, Mauritius is a very plentifull place for provision, and w^n: a Ships Company is in health, tis a very easy matter for a few to mentain y^e: Rest, because they take there turnes, both Cap^t: Harding and that ffleet being soe lately here, had invaded the Goats, they and we were oblidged to goe far in y^e: Country w^{ch}: was tedious, and hard to bring y^e: Goats soe far on our backs; but in eight days time y^e: $Govern^r$: sent us downe huntsmen and dogs, w^{ch}: eased us of y^t: trouble, and then we applyed our selves to wood and water y^e: Ship, and in a little time more y^e: $Govern^r$: came downe w^{th}: both his Sloops, and brought w^t: y^e: season afforded, w^{ch}: was a few lemons, (y^n: [Peearced] several [Sucks] and potatoes, aboundance of Coconuts and Pumkins, onions, buttermilke, new milke, and butter we were forced to lye here a month and dearst not saile, unless I would carry my People sicke as yett, and in y^t: tyme buried seven men, whereof my Boatswaine was one, soe y^t: before I left y^e Island I had buried twenty nine ℔sons.

The 11^{th}: November left Mauritius, w^{th}: all my remaining men indifferently well, and brought out w^{th}: me, besides some of y^e refreshments y^t: was left sea turtle enough for 14 days, w^{ch}: good dyett confirmed their recovery, and kept them from any relapses, after we had left the land, & gott up into our lattitude 1 degree: againe, we made it our business to gett well to y^e: Eastward, y^t: as we thought w^{th}: a frank wind, we might run downe to our Port, but w^n: we came near y^e: Line, we were miserably arrested, by a Northerly wind, we might stand to y^e Eastward, or take to y^e Westward, but to y^e: Northward we could hardly goe, we were 3 or four days gaining a degree, we mett w^{th}: y^e: Rains and turned before we came neer y^e: Line, w^{ch}: put us to a world of trouble, in regard they were immoderate and we crossed y^e: Equinoctiall the 2^d: January and soon after, met w^{th}: y^e: Norly winds we were 3 dayes in [3^d:00] Lat^d: and four likewise in 8^d [00], after we had tried so long and found y^e wind constant at N N E^t: on this Coast near y^e: Nicobar we considered we were much later y^n: Cap^t: Gayer and y^t: tho he had y^e winds Easterly, yett we must not expect soe, having expected them allready 16: days in vaine I likewise call to minde my Voyage w^{th}: Capt: Horsman, w^n: y^e: westerly winds on y^e: Coast of Chormandell were sett in, by y^e: 10^{th}: January by reason of Westerly winds by w^{ch}: I conjectured we should sooner gaine our passage to Bengall along y^e Coast of Chormandell then otherwayes accordingly y^e: wind continuing at N N E^t: we went away N W^t: and as we came neerer y^e: land, we had y^e wind fairer for us, though but small Gales, our assimuth Compasses makeing high Variation, made us conjecture we had mett w^{th}: a great western streem and soe we might fall in w^{th}: y^e: land sooner then we expected soe y^t: we keept very good looking out, and frequent sounding for Ground and on Tuesday y^e 27 of January 1684/5 we saw y^e: land of Chormandell y^e: place we sett in w^{th}: was near Armagon, This was a joyfull news and sight to us all, espetially to our seamen in regard y^t: our Bear and [Peas] hath been spent a long time, y^e want of w^{ch}: hath made think our ordinary alowance very hard, w^{ch}: accompanied w^{th}: y^e: tediousness of our Passage, and all other misfortunes, and sickness they have suffered hath rendered them somew^t: discontented, I am forced in some measure for want of men i[n] this my extremity to be complacent for fear they should run away from me, w^n: they come to Port, this morning Anchored in $Metchlep^m$: road, and having possitive orders for Bengalla, as soon as ever I gett my provisions shall weigh for the Port.

I Subscribe
Yo^r: Hon^{rs}: most hum^{ble}: $Serv^t$:
JOHN BONNELL.

COODALOOR FFEBRUARY 2^{D}: [$16\frac{84}{85}$]

To THE HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESID^{T}: & GOVERN^{R}: OF FFORT S^{T}: GEORGE &C^{A}: COUNCELL.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

We have rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of y^{e}: 29th: January the 31th: ditto and heartily congratulate yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: safe arrivall ffor Sloops James & W^{m}: we speedily intend to dispatch, but y^{e}: winds and sea have been soe boysterous as very much to detard our business but shall remitt noe opertunity for theire speedy dispatch towards you The Wo$\tilde{r}$sp^{ll}: Cheife &c^{a}: having permitted M^{r}: Davis to proceed to y^{e}: ffort recommending to M^{r}: Ord y^{e}: management of y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: affaires in his absence, w^{ch}: we having given him a full acc^{t}: of, and all papers belonging thereunto, wth: y^{e}: ballance of their Cash, resolves this day to proceed towards you, M^{r}: Davis haveing paid himselfe w^{t}: due on Acc^{t}: of Sallary at Madapollam from y^{e}: 25th: March to y^{e}: 25th: September at £30 ℔ ann$\tilde{u}$: w^{ch}: he hath debted yo^{r}: Acc^{t}: Curr^{t}: for, therefore desires you to recharge it to Madapollam ffactory w^{ch}: wth: the tender of our most humble Service to you is w^{t}: needfull at ℔sent from

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Yo^{r}: most hum^{ble}: & obed^{t}: Servants.
JN^{O}: DAVIS.
RALPH ORD.
RALPH INGRAM.

MADAPOLLAM JANU^{RY}: 10TH: $16\frac{84}{85}$

To Y^{R}: HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT &C^{A} COUNCELL.

Hon^{ble}: Sir &c^{a}

We r$\tilde{e}$c$\tilde{d}$: last night a Gen^{ll}: from y^{e} Worsp^{ll}: [Elihu Yale &c^{a}: Councell dated y^{e}: 17th: Curr^{t} wherein they advice of an Error Co$\tilde{m}$itted in Invoyce Viz^{t}: in y^{e}: Sallampores N^{o}: 5 at pag^{s}: 19 ℔ Corge w^{ch}: is an higher Price y^{n}: y^{e}: goods of N^{o}: 4 y^{e}: reason whereof is this; these goods are none of y^{e}: Sorts wanting in dimensions and goodness, but were a parcell of goods brought in by y^{e}: Merch^{ts}: of y^{e}: same sort w^{ch}: were before sorted a considerable Part of w^{ch}: were Ve[i]wed by us and resolved upon to agree for y^{e}: best of them at y^{e}: price of 19 Pag^{s}: ℔ Corge, and y^{e}: rest to be put to y^{e}: turned out Cloth, w^{t}: was accordingly done, in y^{e}: choosing out & embaleing of w^{ch}: there was a great deal of Cloth w^{ch}: would have gone to y^{e}: 2^{d} & 3^{d} Sort & few or none inferiour to y^{e} fourth Sort N^{o} 6 is y^{e} Cloth mentioned by M^{r} Lucas to be deficient in Lengths and goodness, w^{ch}: wth: y^{e}: remain's of w^{t}: was not taken of that Parcell at 19: Pag^{s}: ℔ Corge were all put togeather and agreed for at Pag^{s}: $16\frac{3}{5}$ ℔ Corge y^{e}: Lowest price y^{t}: we could possibly bring our Merch^{ts}: too, and in all our opinions y^{e}: Cloth is Cheap, w^{ch}: we hope you will approve to be so, if you please to open y^{e}: Bales & Veiw y^{e}: goods we contracted wth: our Merch^{ts}: for those goods at y^{e}: same rate as if we had been in Cash to pay ready mony for y^{m}: & that in Consideration of their Creditting y^{e} Hon^{ble}: Comp: for y^{m}: they should be allowed y^{e}: same inter'st as at Metchlepatam, if any goods should be sent from y^{t}: factory upon Creditt to y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: & if not to be referred to his Hon^{r}: & Councell at y^{e} ffort, w^{t}: interest to be allowed for y^{e}: same, all w^{ch}: was discoursed, by y^{e}: Merch^{ts}: to his Hon^{r}: w^{n}: he was here.

All the goods the Merch^{ts}: can bring in y^{s}: yeare upon y^{e}: joynt Stock are in y^{e}: ffactory & w^{n}: y^{e}: Trivetore w^{ch}: is now ready to fall down to the Barr, is gott over we shall send them ℔ boats aboard, thinking not safe to lade y^{m}: in y^{e}: river, y^{e}: Ship being of Considerable Burthen, and the Barr of a small depth of water.

Richard Brereton returns thanks for the licence you are pleased to give [him] to come up to the Fort, but Mr Northey being gone before, he will stay till ye: books are done, we have noe more then our most humble Services presented to add from

Honble: Sir &ca:
Your most humble Servants
Sam: Wales.
Rich: Brereton.
Cha: Fownes.

Conimero Feby: the 6th: $16\frac{84}{85}$.

To the Honble: Wm: Gyfford Esqr:
President Governr: &ca: Councell in Fort Sr: George.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

This serves only to accompany Sloop Mary's Invoyce, amot: to Pags: 16958 : 19 : 1: whome we dispatch't last night soe we remaine,

Honble: Sr: &ca:
Your most humble: Servants

P.S. Mr: Milton is very ill and cannot signe.

J.W. John Willcox.
B.B. Ben: Bloome.

Translate of a letter from Appaugee Pontuloo to ye: Honble: Wm: Gyfford Esqr: Governour dated the 6th Jany: $16\frac{84}{85}$.

I enjoy good health and shall be very glad to hear the like from your Honr:, I heard yor: Honr: lately arrived from ye: Bay att wch good news I heartily rejoyce, I have been wth: his Excellency Podala Lingapa and lately returned to Pollyacatt, and he hath wrote a letter to yor: Honr: and returned yor: Merchts:

A Ship belonging to ye: Divan is going to Muscatt, & hath Occation for 4: Anchours, and two gunns, About wch: I have now sent Mahamadoo Cassim to yor: Honr:, and desire you would please to hear him in my behalfe, and he will pay for them, I Desire yor: Honr: to assist me in this business, wch: will be esteemed a great kindness by Madana Accana, and Lingapah, and is not desired for nothing, by one means or other I desire yor: Honr: to see to furnish ye Ship wth: these things, that she may proceed on her voyage, yor: Honr: having much dealing in shiping makes me trouble you to procure me ye: Necessarys above mentioned.

Hugly 1st: Janry: $16\frac{84}{85}$.

To the Honble: Wm: Gyfford Esqr:
Presidt: & Governr: for affairs of ye:
Honble: English East India Compa:
on ye: Coast of Cormendell & Bay of Bengall: &ca: Councell.

Most Honrd: Sr:

We have recd: yor: Honrs: four letters dated the 15th; 16th: 18th: & 20th Ult:

Yor: Honr: by yors: of ye: 15th: hath respect to ye: cases of Mr: Threddar, wth: drawing of ye ffactories at Pattana, and Dacca, Mony at Interest,

M^{r}: Gough, and w^{t}: we should doe in case of their prosecuting y^{e}: Nabobs order touching y^{e}: affairs at Cassimbazar, & we give you our thanks for your argueing y^{e}: Matter relateing to y^{e}: Severall particulars mentioned and giveing us yo^{r}: opinion thereon.

M^{r}: Thredar who designed at his first comeing downe from Cassumbazar to goe wth: Agent Hedges, hath we know not for w^{t}: reason of himselfe declined that way [he] is now in y^{e}: ffactory, and hath not made any application to us for his goeing home, or upon any other acc^{t}: w^{n}: [he] doth we shall act as is adviseable [on] Mature [considaration].

Wee see yet more & more reason to take into consideration the wth: drawing y^{e} ffactory^{s}: of Pattana & Dacca we have been soe abused in both at ℔sent M^{r}: [Pownset] cant by any means obtaine a Dastic for y^{e}: goods ready there, to bring y^{m}: downe and goeing for it lately, & pressing hard, instead of haveing it granted, was told y^{t}: y^{e}: Nabob would turne our ffactoryes out of Bengall but till we have mony to pay our debts at Interest at neither place can it be done, as yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: under the Sence thereof [urgues] well, If we could take up mony there to pay off y^{e}: debt there we [wd] certainly doe it. But y^{t}: cant be, mony being exceeding Scarce here & people dissatisfyd w^{ch}: dissatisfaction Seems to abate for Sence we have [p^{d}] one parson y^{t}; was most Sellicitious, we have not had any further demand.

It hath allways been the Custome of y^{e}: place to give our Notes for Mony at interest, to pay at demand and otherwise they will not lett it, but Seldom or ever aske there mony under six or twelve Months, or till we please, and formerly twas a thing as much desired by us, as y^{m}: we useing to take mony for a ℔sent occasion, & w^{n}: y^{t}: was over to send for y^{e}: ℔ sons concerned to take their mony, here are few if any, y^{t}: offer us mony at Interest, and tis hard (w^{n}: we need it) to procure it, Soe y^{t}: w^{n}: we need we cant pick & Choose for w^{ch}: reason we cant make our owne terms but are glad to take it at theires.

M^{r}: Gough, for some time after yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: departed from this place, lodged in y^{e} ffactory, & came to y^{e}: Comp^{as}: table but affter a while wth: dr[e]w, to Agent Hedges, While here he used to speake of his goeing wth: Cap^{t}: Browne & comeing for an order of y^{e}: Cap^{ts}: to receive him w^{ch}: was one of his usuall tricks, upon y^{e}: 26th: December Agent Hedges of a Suddain, as if he was affrighted (whether reall or pretended we cant learne) but he gives out twas occasioned by advice he recd: y^{t} y^{e} Nabob had ordered y^{e}: Phousdar to seize him and sent him to Dacca about Haggerstones buisness, went aboard his Ship and such was his fear, y^{t}: he sent to y^{e}: Dutch derectore for one of his boats & fflagg to carry him downe, but was denyd, wth: him went M^{r}: Gough and hath kept aboard ever since wth: Agent Hedges, M^{r}: Dowglass and his Lady went hence y^{e}: 31st: December and tis said they are gone and no doubt but y^{t} M^{r}: Gough is gone wth: them, soe y^{t}: there is no preventing his going but by fetching him by force from aboard y^{e} Ship but we are of yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: opinion (especially considering our ℔sent circumstances) to let him goe.

The trouble [sat] Cassimbazar are great y^{e} Phousdar hath sent one Bonadas formerly Gun-officer under Balchand wth: Horse and foote, who lay seige to y^{e} ffactory fireing some gunns, and have besett y^{e} Passages, y^{t} they can neither gett goods off nor come themselves.

We have wrote to M^{r}: Pownsett as effectually as we can to Sollicitt y^{e}: accommodating y^{e} Matters, it being his apprehension, as well as M^{r}: Charnock's, y^{t} the not giving a ℔sent upon yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: comeing, and y^{e}: chang of y^{e}: Agent hath been y^{e}: occation y^{t}: y^{e}: Nabob receives soe eisily y^{e}: report against us, w^{ch}: from this place, Ballasore, and Cassambazar are gone up to y^{e} Phousdar of this place being greatly incensed at y^{e}: accidentall Killing y^{e}: man & boy, and since y^{t}: y^{e}: royatt at Ballasore, hath write to y^{e}: Nabob & Duan, y^{t}: we grow rich & proud, and have brought gunns at Souldiers & many more English then

usuall into the country &c^{a}: w^{ch}: y^{e}: Nabob hath caus'd to be write in their Wackee or news book to y^{e} King, we have ordered a present to y^{e} am^{t}: of w^{t}: M^{r}: Pownsett advised, w^{n}: yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: was here, was necessary & y^{e} Agent hath written an Arsdust to y^{e} Nabob (y^{e} Coppye whereof we send you) w^{ch}: Order and Arsdust was sent y^{e} 19th: December but yet have not answere from thence.

We have improved w^{t}: time more urgent occations for ꝑsent getting ready goods for y^{e}: Ann, would admitte, in translateing w^{t}: needfull for y^{e}: dispatch of y^{e} Veckull to Court, who in few days will be going on her way.

The Coppie Books and the papers refered to in o^{r} generall to y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: are gone home by y^{e} Henry and W^{m}:, all but y^{e} 9ber Consultac̃on at Cassimbazar, & M^{r}: Carnocke, derection about makeing Saltpetre, w^{ch}: [came] not to our hands, till after she was gone, but will be sent by y^{e} Ann.

Wee are of y^{e} same opinion, concerning the affaires att Cassimbazar w^{ch} yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: gives us in yo^{rs}: of y^{e}: 16th: past in answer to ours of y^{e}: 10th: ditto, and are glad y^{t}: you confirme us therein, haveing before we recd it given order y^{t}: w^{t}: ever y^{e}: event was they should not yeild to M^{r}: Charnoks, goeing to Dacca, or y^{e}: payment of y^{e}: 43000 Ru: most unjustly adjudged by y^{e} Cozzee and Confirmeded by y^{e}: Nabob, nor Comply wth: any other overtures y^{n}: decideing the defference between y^{m} & y^{e} Pieazes: by Merch^{ts}., & ordered if nothing we could doe would prevent what they atte^{nmnt}: (Viz to have M^{r}: Charnocke up & us to pay that mony) y^{t}: M^{r}: Carnock Should come away wth: y^{e} rest of y^{e} Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Servants, leaving on y^{e} doors a List of y^{e}: Countreys debt in English Perca and Hindoostan, soe farr we have gone agreeing wth: yo^{r}: opinion we had advice, pri^{o} present, that they attempting to send of goods by stealth were discovered and all was stop^{d}:, and they prevented in their design, Benedas Lying in Cassimbazar wth: his horse and foot to watch y^{m}:, soe y^{t} they have done nothing since this astool came down have not had any silke come in, or people to pack up w^{t}: they have prized Suffer'd to come near y^{m}:, soe y^{t}: we cant see how we shall send away y^{e} Ann Laden y^{e}: goods at Dacca & Maulda being stop'd also and will till the Nabob be appeased.

As occasions offer, we shall consider yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: advice about wth: drawing to Ballasore wth: w^{t}: relates thereunto wth: respects also to our former determinations in Councell, nothing but extremity shall induice us to doe anything contra^{y}: thereunto.

Your Hon^{rs}: of y^{e}: 18th: December in answer to o^{rs}: of 13th: ditto gives us yo^{r}: opinion about the dispatch of y^{e} [Defence] and con[cern]ing y^{e} Petre & Termerick is come downe shall not trouble yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: wth: debating wth you y^{e} usefulness of her stay as we apprehend, having determin'd [She] shall goe wth: w^{t}. Petre and Turmerick we can gett a board by y^{e} 10th & 15th: inst: at farthest y^{e} Pattana Boats arrived wth: us y^{e} 31st: past in y^{e} Evening, but we are at a loss for Sloops to carry it downe y^{e} Pillot of y^{e} good hope & Madapollam are gone to y^{e}: Road wth: y^{e}: Ann & Henry & W^{m}: y^{e} letter we dispatcht y^{e} 23th: Ult: the good hope went wth: 1000 bags sugar to y^{e} Bengall Merch^{t}: y^{e} Master of w^{ch} Pilotted y^{e}: Ann downe y^{e}: River y^{e} master of y^{e} Madap^{m}: they tooke aboard (as he was coming up) to Pilote y^{e} Henry & W^{m}: and left y^{e}: Sloop to be brought up by his mate, who cast her aground upon a sand over against Balchunes house a little below y^{e} Dutch ffactory, upon y^{e} 8th: past w[h]ere she was like to be lost; but have hopes to save her, but cant gett her of till next spring tide, But y^{e}: Arrival being ready to goe downe wth: 1000 Bags of Sugar, we stay'd her till his hon^{rs}: ship was ready, and in y^{e} mean time y^{r} Petre boats come, w^{ch}: laden to y^{e}: consideration, y^{t}: we having stayed Sherman to Pilot your Ship, some days (there being not another expecte till y^{e}: 8th: inst: at soonest) yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: would not be displeased if we had stayd yo^{r}: ship 2 days to take in some Bags of Petre, and goe downe wth, Sherman w^{ch}: would countervaile y^{e}: want of y^{e}: Madapollams time lost by y^{e} ill accident aforesaid, we have p^{d} y^{e}: usuall ffreight for y^{e}: carrying of the Petre, of 20 Rup^{s}: for a 100 Maund, w^{ch}: will make up y^{e} loss of that little time and doe y^{e}: Company good service w^{ch}: wee doubt not yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: will be pleased wth:

We shall continue our advices as there is occasion, as knowing twill be of more concernment then the little Charge twill put y^e^ Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ : to.

The Remain of yo^r^ : Hon^rs^ : letter relates to the Cassimbazars affaire, to w^ch^ : we cant say more y^n^ : we have said & concur w^th^ : you in every point.

The Bengall Merch^t^ : is not yet dispatched nor like to be this eight or ten days, and w^n^ : she is we shall not be able to send in her above 360 Tonns of Sugar being not to be had of any sort, four ships from Suratt and he[two] Large Dutch Ships, Lading Sugars, have had occasion for soe much that y^e^ : demand hath out done, whatever used [to] be made in y^e^ : Country by farr, and we never thinking that a Ship bigger y^n^ : of 300 or 330 Tons to come up to this place, & take y^m^ : in here, could ever be designed for Persia made provision for noe more in time soe y^n^ : this disapoyntm^t^ : could not be avoy[d]ed.

We shall be very glad to here, y^t^ : y^e^ : Syam Merch^t^ : did arrive in time at Metchlep^a^ ; for y^e^ : Persia ffreight agreed for by M^r^ : Freeman.

Your Hon^rs^ : last letter of y^e^ : 22^d^ : from on board y^e^ : Resolution y^e^ : purport of w^ch^ : being y^e^ agreem^t^ : made w^th^ y^e^ : Merch^ts^ : of Ballasore, according to y^e^ Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ : order & yo^r^ : example at Madras w^ch^ : we are huge glad you have accomplished hopeing it may be a presid^t^ : to lead others on (if we hereafter see better times) towards w^ch^ : we shall use our utmost endeavours.

We are glad also to here y^t^ : there is more goods to come in att Ballasore up : there investm^t^ : & others y^t^ : may be bought of y^e^ Merch^ts^ : so stay for their mony till some come but y^t^ they should come be sorted and sent aboard [y^e^ :] defence, by y^e^ : 10^th^ ; or 15^th^ ; inst : seem to us improbable but if they should be ready and sent abard y^e^ defence, y^n^ : we doe not yet se y^e^ : Ann can goe to save her passage this year, for if y^e^ : Cassimbazar, Dacca, & Maulda goods come not in time it cant possibly be done we have but little hopes to see an end of these troubles, and o^r^ : goods be admitted to come downe in time soe y^t^ : we have [no] dependence on any goods but at Ballasore & here to load y^e^ : Ann, who yett wants 1500 Bales to Compleat her Tuñage.

JANUARY THE 6^TH^ $16\frac{8}{9}\frac{4}{5}$.

Your Hon^rs^ : Ship being not yet ready, and seeing her goeing into Ballasore will caus some Stop, we have thought best to send this by a ffrench Sloop y^t^ : goes immediatly to ffort, and y^e^ : rather because we have hopes y^e^ : said Sloop may arrive before Agent Hedges (who went hence last weeke, but was to stay some time below to [cut] wood and in Ballasore Road) w^ch^ : we shall be very glad if soe fall out, M^r^ : Rob^t^ : Hedges being run away from us, w^th^ : out making up his acc^tts^ ; giveing noe notice to the Agent or any other in y^e^ ffactorye, and it was soe long before we had any notice, y^t^ : we could not fetch him up, before he gott a board y^e^ : recovery who was falan down as low as Kedgeree staying there for M^r^ : Letton who was left behind to finish Agent Hedges buisineses, w^th^ : whome upon y^e^ ; 2^d^ : inst : M^r^ : Rob^t^ Hedges went we hear downe.

M^r^ : Robt Hedges had applyed himselfe to y^e^ Agent for leave to goe w^th^ : his Unckle, but was denyed, after w^ch^ : he asked to be admitted to go to Persia on y^e^ : Bengall Merch^t^ : w^ch^ : was also denyed he seemed not to be concerned, but sett about makeing up his acco^ts^ :, and he having kept noe books, y^e^ : Agent appointed M^r^ : Stafford to assist him in framing out his papers, as a Journall & Leiger, w^ch^ : he attended upon 3 or 4 days, seeming to be well contentd that he was not admitted to goe home, soe y^t^ : there was noe suspicion of y^e^ : design w^ch^ : was for his running away.

As soon as we found it probable y^t^ : w^t^ : we heard was true we drew up y^e^ : inclosed protest declared it in the ffactorye, and send it to Ballasore, to be delivered with directions about it, but we doubt whether it may re[a]ch him, we have therefore sent another to you to ℔ sent (if it be not thought adviseable to stop y^e^ Ship) which will be necessary some y^t^ : are to goe home to England, see y^e^ delivery of, M^r^ Robert Hedges is gone away a great debter to y^e^ Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ : as we perceive by w^t^ : we have already come to y^e^ : knowledge of altho : his acc^ts^ : are

not made up yet wherefore tis of great necessity y^{t}: either y^{e}: Ship be Stop'd: (if they refuse to deliver him) or to serve y^{e} Protest upon y^{e} persons concernd in y^{e}: carrying him away, We are

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most humble Servants
JOHN BEARD.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RICH^{D}: TRENCHFEILD.
EDW̃: OXBOROUGH.

DACCA DECEMBER 15TH: 1684.

R^{T}: WORSP^{LL}: JN^{O}: BEARD ESQ^{R}:
&C^{A}: COUNCELLS S^{RS}:

Yours of y^{e}: 15th: inst came to our hands we are very Sensible of y^{e}: ill condition of y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: affairs and M^{r}: Charnock &^{a}: at Cassimbazar (having had y^{e}: relation thereof from y^{m}: selves, but to remedy is not in our power, some people who where our seeming friends before, now appear to be our implacable enemys but beleiveing y^{e}: notorious lyes writen hither by Melick burcoordar, Eremalmalk we cannot boldly appear to let y^{e}: Nabob know any thing, for we have none who will Speak in our behalfe, tis impossible y^{t}; y^{e}: Nabob should beleive all he hears against us, but he must seem to be angry till a ℔sent comes w^{ch}: we hope is one y^{e}: way, y^{n}: we may be also in hopes of some favour from him.

M^{r}: Charnock must by noe meains Stir out of the ffactory (he must not come to Dacca for fear to be trapped) yesterday a lett^{r}: came from Cremalmalk to y^{e}: Nabob advising him y^{t}: M^{r}: Charnock was sick, but as soon as he was well he would send him, also Councelled y^{e}: Nabob to seize on John Pounsett keeping him in prison & he would soon consent to y^{e}: payment of y^{e}: Some demanded, this morning came 3 or 4 Chupdars to o^{r}: house to call him, wee would not let him goe but sent our Vakeele at w^{ch}: Cassidas was very angry, saying y^{e}: English themselves must come and pay y^{e}: Cassimbazar people their debts.

When y^{e}: ℔sent comes twill (in our opinions) be convenient y^{e}: Worsp^{ll}: Agent writes an arrurdast to y^{e}: Nabob, that he hath sent him a ℔sent to be held by us (leaving out y^{e}: particular things for tho you keep us to y^{e}: quantity to give, we presume you will not to y^{e}: quallity) & therein also desire a Parwanna for y^{e}: buisness at Cassimbazar to be arbitrated by Merch^{ts}: y^{e}: release of our [Roc cass] in y^{e}: Debekmundun, his exacting mony from your Gomosticks, all other greivances you think of for as yett we cannot open our mouths about any thing w^{t}: soever, we have 74 Bales & Chests of Cloth layen ready packed severall [days] by us, but cannot gett admittance to pass them, tho we have proffered Cossidas 500^{rup}: and Diaram his kinsman 200 ^{rup}: to give up [dusticks] to pass our Cloth, never were we in such a condition Since any of us know y^{e}: Country, we are forced to buy dusticks for peons, and come in Merch^{ts}: names and not our own.

We hope you have written Sufficiently to Surat concerning Haggerstone so y^{t}: Caaz Jullb a Cawn y^{e}: Suba there will gett a mahazars of y^{e}: s^{d}: Haggerstons actings, we have a translate of y^{e}: acc^{t}: but are sorry y^{e} Surat Ships are gone, y^{t}: we cannot have a mahazar as Jn^{o}: Pownsett desired from y^{e} R^{t}: Worsp^{ll}: Agent Mellick burcoodar hath given y^{e}: s^{d}: Haggerstone a Mohazar y^{e} Agent Hedges did rob him of mony & goods (as we have heard) to y^{e} vallue of 160000^{rupes} y^{e} vakeele y^{t}: acts for him is Mellick burcoodar his own vakeele Gongaram y^{e}: Dutch Vakeel doth now & then (in his behalfe) put in a word or two for him, his cheife place for rãdãvousse is Miza Muddaffer house where are all y^{e} Consultacons, how y^{e} business is to be acted, we have great reason to beleive y^{e}: s^{d} Mirza (notwth: standing his promise to us to y^{e} contrary does recommend him and his

business to them who are able to doe him kindness, y^e^ : s^d^ : Haggerstone does frequent y^e^ : Dutch house alsoe, and make much trouble, we have nothing to shew against him, and he hath a Mahazar from Mellickburcoordar, and other against us, we call not else to mind at ℔sent but remaine,

R^t^ : Worsp^ll^ : &c^a^ : S^rs^ :
Yo^r^ : very hum^ble^ : Servants
JOHN POWNSETT.
CHARLES EYRE.
SAM^LL^ : MEVERALL JUN^R^ :

P.S.—

Pray send us 4 or 5 looking glasses large w^th^ : Invoyces of gunns &ca and if you can spare us 2 or 3 more of y^e^ : fowleing peeces twill be very well for they are very plaseing, we have desposed of 3 allready.

Herew^th^ : comes coppy of a pair of o^r^ : Gen^ll^ : books (for last year) fair written for England w^n^ : M^r^ : Crose went hence he promised to Coppy our bar last years Charges Gen^ll^ : for England, w^ch^ : if he has not done, pray send y^t^ : w^ch^ : you have, & we will have another Coppy (to remain in Hughly) written as soon as we have an assistant, for one we much want, being something behind hand in our writeing worke.

J.P.
C.E.
S.M.

May it Please yo^r^ : Excellency,

The English have for more then 50 years [as] Merch^ts^ resided here & have from y^e^ : Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ every year rec^d^ : great Treasure w^ch^ : hath been coyned & Imprest to P[icars] & Merch^ts^ : to bring us in goods made in y^s^ : Country, by w^ch^ : many Lacks of People are imploy'd & have there livelyhood & are enabled to pay there pole mony & other dutys to y^e^ great increase of y^e^ Kings Revenues in all w^ch^ : time we have not wronged, defrauded, Spoild, or killed any man, neither doe we owe any man any thing but have been allways ready to pay every man his just due, giveing y^m^ our mony long before we have our goods and by yo^r^ : Excellencys favour we have had quiett and peace att yo^r^ : time till of late w^n^ : Persons for there owne base ends have misrepressented us to y^r^ : Excellency, falsely accuseing us & so to our great greife we are not held in your esteeme as formerly w^ch^ : y^e^ : Govern^rs^ : of y^e^ : severall Countrys takeing notice of abuse & Injure us to y^t^ : Height y^t^ : tis intollerable ; soe y^t^ : we have noe words to Express how great our Injuryes are by stoping our goods, protecting our debters, by w^ch^ : our Shipps cant be laden in time to goe home to our vast damage, in Perticular at Cassimbuzar we gave out our mony two years Since, and yett have not our goods, to y^e^ : am^t^ : of 15000 Rupees, y^e^ : Merch^ts^ : to whome we gave our mony being encouraged by y^e^ Govern^rs^ : to quarrell w^th^ : us, & will not have y^e^ : difference decided by Merch^ts^ : according to custome of all Countrys, but appeale to yo^r^ : Excellency who we hear hath sent for M^r^ : Charnock to come to have y^e^ : difference decided at Dacca, w^ch^ : we hope yo^r^ : Excellency will not insist upon, the designe of our ffactory there being chiefly to negotiate for us to avoid y^e^ : hindring of our affairs by y^e^ : Sending up others, we are not willing to wrong any man, but will pay according to w^t^ : is every mans due, as it's desided by Merch^ts^ : and if this cant be granted to w^t^ : purpose should we stay in y^e^ Country we have long of opinion under y^e^ Circomstances we are now, we had better be Gon, & if we have not redrest its y^e^ Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ : Command we shall w^th^ : draw and in compliance there w^th^ : we must do it w^t^ : ever y^e^ Issue be wee offer this to you w^th^ : grived minds in hopes yo^r^ : great wisdome & Goodness will take y^e^ : matter into yo^r^ : Consideration and afford us yo^r^ : wanted favours.

Whereas W^m^ : Hedges Esq^r^ : late Agent in Bengall for y^e^ affairs of y^e^ : Hon^ble^ : y^e^ : Govern^r^ : and Comp^a^ : of Merch^ts^ : of London tradeing into y^e^ East Indies M^r^ : Nathaniel Letton Merch^t^ : and M^r^ : Rob^t^ : Douglasse Chirurgeon late

Servants to y^e^ : s^d^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ : in Hugly being all three Owners of y^e^ Ship Recovery and all imbarqued upon her for a Voyadge to Persia or Bassora w^ch^ : Ship is Commanded by John Hampton as Master under y^m^ : & is named w^th^ : severall English officers & seamen besides y^e^ : Natives of this Country And Where as Richd Gough who came lately out of England as one of y^e^ : Agents Councell for y^e^ : s^d^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ : affairs in this place and Rob^t^ : Hedges late ffactor for y^e^ : s^d^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ : affairs at Rajamaid, both Servants to y^e^ : s^d^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ : y^e^ : latter not haveing cleared or given any acc^t^ : of his Trust but is indebted to y^e^ : s^d^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ :, in a very great some of mony, both of y^m^ : contrary to y^e^ trust Reposed in them and w^th^ : out cause given by us have been deluded by the s^d^ : W^m^ : Hedges Esq^r^ : Nathaniell Letton Merch^t^ : Rob^t^ : Douglasse Chirurg̃ : and thers to run away from y^e^ : s^d^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ : service and they are now both of y^m^ : run away from y^e^ : s^d^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ : service and are entertained aboard y^e^ : s^d^ : ship Recovery by y^e^ : s^d^ : W^m^ : Hedges Nathaniell Letton Rob^t^ : Douglasse John Hampton &c^a^ : officers and seamen to y^e^ : great damage of y^e^ : Govern^r^ : & Comp^a^ : aforesaid and of o^r^ : selves and others Wee therefore y^e^ Agent and Councell for y^e^ : affaires of y^e^ : Hon^ble^ : the Govern^r^ : and Comp^a^ : afores^d^ : in Bengall & doe in y^e^ : behalfe of y^e^ : s^d^ : Govern^r^ : and Company & their successors, and in y^e^ : behalfe of ourselves and of all & every Person or Persons herein Concerned make this our Lawfull declaration and Protest against you y^e^ afores^d^ : W^m^ : Hedges Esq^r^ : Nathaniell Letton Merch^t^ : Rob^t^ : Douglasse : Chirurg̃ : John Hampton Master and all y^e^ : Officers & seamen now serveing under them in y^e^ : s^d^ : ship and against y^e^ : s^d^ : Ship Recovery and all other owners & Cargo and also against y^e^ Person of y^e^ : s^d^ : Richd Gough and Rob^t^ : Hedges and against all other Persons aiding abetting & assisting y^e^ : s^d^ : Rich^d^ : Gough and Rob^t^ : Hedges in there so ruñing away and declare all and every one of you Joyntly & severally liable to make full satisfaction unto y^e^ : s^d^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ : and there successors, and to us & every other Person for s^d^ : Govern^r^ : & Comp^a^ : concerned for all such [losses and] damages as now are [or] hereafter shall be sustained any waies to y^e^ : Govern^r^ : and Comp^a^ : or there successers or by ourselves or by any other Person w^t^ : soever by y^e^ : Reason of y^e^ : fflight of Richd : Gough and Rob^t^ : Hedges aforesaid, or by any other waies or means w^t^ : soever hereto belonging dated in Hugly this fifth day of January 168$\frac{4}{5}$.

Signed and Published in Hugly

Factory this 5^th^ : day of Janu^ry^
168$\frac{4}{5}$ In Presence of us.

JOHN BEARD.

JOHN GOLSBOROUGH.
JOSEPH SAFFORD.
SAM^LL^ : [PINE.]
JOHN BEARD JUN^R^ :

FRANCIS ELLIS.
RICH^D^ : TRENCHFEILD.
EDW^D^ : OXBOROUGH

List of y^e^ : Pacquet from Hugly to Fort S^t^ : George Sent by French Sloop Jan^ry^ : 168$\frac{4}{5}$.

N^o^ 1. Generall to y^e^ : Ho[n]b^le^ : President &^ca^ Councill at Fort S^t^ George dated the 1^st^ : & 6 Jan^ry^ : 168$\frac{4}{5}$.
2. Coppie of Dacca Generall to Hugly dat : 25 Dec^r^ : 1684.
3. Coppie of Agents Arsdust to Nabob of Dacca sent 19 Dec^r^ : 1684.
4. Agent and Councell in Bay Bengall their Protest against William Hedges Esq^r^ : & others dat : 5 Jan. 168$\frac{4}{5}$.
5. Loyall Resolutions Bill Ladeing from ffort S^t^ : George to Bay of Bengall.
6. Beaufort's ditto.
7. Loyall Resolutions Bill Ladeing from Bay Bengall to Fort S^t^ George.
8. Beaufort's ditto.
9. List of the Pacquet.

FORT S^T GEORGE Y^E : 9^TH FFEBR^Y : $16\frac{8}{9}\frac{4}{5}$.

To Y^E : HON^BLE : PRESIDENT
&C^A : COUNCELL.

S^RS :

Tis full two years since I gave you in a couple of Papers declaring therein on w^t : [tearms] I would then have made a finall end w^th the Hon^ble : Comp^a : for my estate that hath been now about 14 years soe unjustly seized on and detained from me tis to be presumed y^t those papers afores^d : were sent home by y^t : years Shiping ffeb^ry : 1682 but w^t : I have hitherto done to make y^e : Hon^ble : Comp^a : sencible of my sufferings to y^e : Ruine of me & mine, I perceive hath produced nothing but a Slighting and contempt of me, for now y^t : I have waited soe long to know their pleasure, they it seemeth (soe they may keep my Estate) will give me a Gen^ll : accquittance and discharge, requiring y^e : like from me to y^m : without proposeing any manner of satisfaction to me, wherefore as I am a subject to his Majesty y^e : King of England &c^a : by whose authority you keep a Court of Judicature in this place, I doe desire yo^r : Hon^r : &c^a : y^t : I may have a triall w^th : the Hon^ble : Comp^a : in your Court here, In order to recover my full due from them however disadvantagious in severall respects it may seeme to be to me, but my case is soe plaine and so well knowne, y^t : I wave all Suggestions, and trust in God, and y^e : Justness of my cause for y^e : Issue & hope yo^r : Hon^r : &c^a : Councell, will not deny me so just a request, for if y^e : King God bless him, Suffers himselfe to be sued in his owne Courts, I doe not understand, but y^e Hon^ble : Comp^a : may & ought to stand to a Tryall in this I Remaine,

Your Hon^rs &c^a : Councells most
humble Servant
W^M : JEARSEY.

EXCELLENTISSIMO SNOR :

DE BOCA DO RIO DE SIÃO AOS $\frac{1}{11}$
DE ABRIL DO ANNO 1684.

Certo que foy tão grande osentimento que nos causou a Indisposiçaõ de sua Excellencia, quando Deos foy servido o trazer a sua Excellencia a subitamente a este Reino de Siaõ e por tal Causa não tivemos o Honor de beijar as maõs a sua Excellenticima Senhoria quando estivemos ao Bordo da naô, queira Deos naõ seja mais do que sua Excellencia deseja pedindo the bom sucesso e seja tudo a medida do seu desejo.

E por a rasaõ assima tomamos o atrevimento de bordar a sua Excellencia cô a missiva, a qual serve de dizer em como os nossos Honorables amos da Comp^a : da India Inglesa saõ recebidos com afrontas, e suffrido grandes danos neste Reino, causado por o senor Constante Phalcaõ o qual cô capa de ministro del Rey de Siaõ emcobre suas accoins malfeitas, com pertenças de authoridade, inda que nos inclinamos e supomos que El Rey certamente ignora a verdade, ou rasaõ que sempre cô grande industria estopou todos os caminhos de nosso adereto ao dito, e fomos prevenidos de dar lhe verdadeira representaçaõ de nosso caso, e por isso agora fazemos nossa aplicaçaõ a sua Excellencia esperando como signete da alliança entre nosso soberano, e senõr e a coroa de Portugal, e juntamente da continua amisade avida entre os vassalos de ambos as coroas nesta parte do mundo sua Excellencia seja servido de representar nosso caso no memorial de sua Excellencia a El Rey de Siaõ, ao portunidade por a qual a dignidade-de do seu officio intitula a sua Ex^a : sem a empturecçaõ que sempre se nos posadiante.

E nosso pouco tempo que temos de demora neste porta shé a rasaõ de-naõ estarmos cô experiencia exactamente dos negocios como desejamos perdoando-nos ao representarmos a sua Excellencia ate onde fomos emformados, e sabemos, e as nossas memorias retem

1. A prm^ra : naõ podemos esquecer a grande, e infortunada perda que nossos amos hao sustinido em queimarẽ sua feituria por onde todos effeitos se

consumirão, se o snôr Constante Phalcão cô sua malignidade não ouvera prevenido, ouvera antes transportadoce pª: agencia de Bantão pello entoã capitão Potts, o qual com suspeita de algum mal pensado, o snôr Constante Phalcaõ intimou ao dito Potts o retirarse, e quando profeitico foy pois a manifestou, e tão pouco tempo que mais adiante, serão a declaraçõa do snôr Constante, e a malicia a Honarable Compª:, e ao dito Capitaõ pª descabrir e investigar o incendio.

2. A segda: Em sua, Publicamente Expondo Capitão Potts então factor de nossos Honorables amos, metendo-õ nos cangoes e sepos, e isso pª: gratificar sua malicia a Capitão Potts, e menos cabo de seus amos.

3. A Terceira é de tirar o credito a nossos Honorables amos, publicando falsamente, representando os como Bancos rotos, e que nõa há Caurim; as maldades, os maos effeitos de calumnizar, e dishonrar, hé tão grande que nossas leis Inglesas não aseitarão duplicadamente seu Estado por satisfação.

4. A quarta cautelosamente insitou o Pilloto de nossos Honorables amos do ultimo navio para levar debaixo de pretenção de desperar hum morteiro pª: El Rei, e isso sem outro fim, senaõ de telo aqui causaria grande risco ao dito navio em sua viagem.

5. O quinto Pondo embargo ao dito navio mexico mais de um mez, despois de estar prestes pª: partir, pretendendo que aguardava pellas contas de S: A: o Barcalão e mostras opatioins de panos etc., causando grande gasto no interfora de tardar o navio sem probabilidade de obter sua passagem o qual causou gastos de 1200 starlinas de demoras.

6. O sexto, Protegendo os factores de nossos Honorables amos, empregando os em outros officios, frustrando a entenção do Capitão Mr: Strigh de os levar cõ sigo com forme sua ordem pª: darẽ contas a nossos amos, como seus factores e dividores.

7. O septimo, Imprisando nos Peter Couch, John Thomas e Abrah: Navarro, factores da Honorable Compª: por espaço de seis dias e meyo, falsamente, por o qual, nossalei Inglesa dá a nos sinco libras, sterlinas por hora, ao Reo, a cauza da nossa prisão hé por recusarmos de dar-lhe, ou vender lhe nossas fazendas, sendo contra a ordẽ de nossos amos, cõ a dita prisão forsou, e depois pagando conforme seu plazer a metade do valor, o qual foy mais que o que pagou ao Capitão Mr: Strough por sua ferramso: pedida por por requesta de S. A. Barcalão em nossa presença, e o dito Capitão lhe foy força o partirse sem pagamento, estas e outras mais maldades e os agravos não relatamos por não emportonar a sua Exª: foraõ feitas a nossos Honorables amos neste Reino por o snôr Constante Phalcão o qual negocio como Comissario del Rey de Sião, he necessario que no apliquemos ao dito Rey em nome de nossos soberano snôr El Rey da Inglaterra e nossos Honorables amos requerendo satesfaçaõ pelos agravos e dishonras, e danõs, por os quaes emcapaz, pollas resaões a cima ditas de presente fazelo.

Humildmente aplicamos a sua Exª: em virtude da aliança acima dita, e dignidade do seu officio, requestando a sua Exª: que seja servido levando em conta nossos atrimentos representando nossos a sua Magde: El Rey de Sião, o qual cõ sua bondade, e graças, confiamos cause, reparaçaõ destes maldades, e deshonras muy grandes, de outro modo naõ saõ pª: soportaremse.

A rasaõ agora requer o prosequimento de nossa viagem pª: a China e por essa Causa suplicamos ao snôr Samuel Baron factor de Honorable Compª: de entender a sua Exª: por a resposta de sua Magde: e receber tal satesfação em nome de Honorable Compª: como sua Magde: em sua prudencia e bondade for servido de dar.

Servidores no que Julgar
Capaz no serviço de
sua Exª: a quem Deos
guarde e prospere.

PETER COUCH.
JOHN THOMAS.
A: NAVARRO.

To the Hon^ble: W^m Gyfford Presid^t:
of Coast Cormandell Bengall, &c^a:
and Govern^r: at Fort S^t: George

Honoured Sir,

Arrived from Tunkeen ffeb^ry: passado, we found just w^th: in this Rivers mouth Ship Delight Cap^t: John Smith Command^r: design'd out of England for China but being neare the Maccão Islands late in y^e: yeare in [. . .] strong northerly winds forced her to beare up for y^e: port, y^e: Hon^ble: Comp^as: Factors on board her informed me their Hon^rs: had sent Shipp Maxico Merch^t: Cap^t: [S]axton Command^r: w^th: considerable Cargo of broad cloth &c^a: for y^e: ffactory: and M^r: [Will:] Strange Cheife, but poore gentlman after he had spent allmost 5 months in great troubles and ℔ plexity, by [tricks] and divices hath been put to considerable charges & Expences w^th: unspeakeable vexation parted re in fecta w^th: ffactory &c^a: Concerns of y^e: Hon^ble: Comp^as: for Surratt passg^y: last, I Pray God she be safe, shipping from thence can give noe acc^t: of her, Cap^t: [S]axton left his second mate here M^r: Anto: Williams, wheither w^th: designe or unadvisedly I can not affairme, though circumstances suspects him, evident tis y^t: s^d: Williams staid to his detriment, as well as regreet, since he is now compelled to accept by necessity of Employ contrary to his inclination, being unwilling to serve any but y^e: Hon^ble Comp^a: the ship was meanely provided, I wish y^e: want of his assistance prove noe Inconveniency.

Ship Delight Sailed hence Aprill last for Amoy, (God grant her a pro[s]perous Voyage and good Success) one Loyd a writer to y^e: Hon^ble: Comp^a: had passage on her he came to their Port from Tywan ℔ China conveyance, purposely to bring newes, y^e: Tartar Generall there (y^t: Conquered Formosa & surpressed Coxsing had permitted in y^e: Emperc^rs: name to y^e: Hon^ble: Comp^a: continuation in Tywan, & liberty to settle at Amoy, w^th: promis to grant w^t: priviledges could be expected, P^r: Same Via came 4 or 5 Dutchmen w^th: Familie Prisoners for many years to Coxsing, and sett at liberty by y^e: Tartars) bringing in a manner the same advice as ours, but the [y] had besides verball message a Letter to their Gen^ll: & Councell in Batavia, w^ch: tho y^e: contents was unknowne to y^m: here, they devulge to Import y^e: Tartars offer to leave their Possession of whole Formosa to their Comp^a: as formerly.

How much the Merch^ts: on board S^d: Ship have suffered whilst wintering in Port y^e: grose and many abuses to M^r: Strange bloudy affronts Persicution and Infer [ral] practices against the life & Creditt of M^r: Sam: Potts and other Servants of y^e: Hon^ble: Comp^as: would be too long A series to P^r:ticularise y^e: enclosed will informe y^e: nessesary and most materiall Passages for causes and effects and poynt out how y^e Greek [Pha]ulkon had noe other aime y^n: to rout & exclude y^e Hon^ble: Comp^a: this trade, and in lieu to preferr & incourage Interlop^rs: w^th: few private Merch^ts: especially those as by their Encomium have exaggerated his praise to y^e: very skey not but he is flattered by most of y^m: for their owne propper ends and amongst them there are severall y^t: hath given themselves over to soe much baseness as to assist and aid him in his mallitious contrivances, even against y^e: Honour of y^e: Nation, & y^e: Hon^ble: Comp^as: signall detriment, this villian is sensible soe long as there is a Cheife here for y^e: Comp^a y^e: English in a manner be oblidged to apply to him, w^ch: both opposeth his purpose and pride, who loves so well to cheat as he is ambitious to domineer especially over the Europeans, ℔ swadeing his King noe man fitter y^n: himselfe to inspect their actions, and penetrate their subtile pretentions, therby to obtaine jurisdiction over them, and that y^e: English Comp^a: vainly presume prerogative before other Nations, both in preceedency of Hon^r: and trade, even w^n: they are in danger to be overthrowne by Y^e: Interlop^rs: and upon poynt of breaking scorned to send an ambassad^r: as French and Portigu^s: did to his Imperiall Majesty the King of Syam (as he Stiles this King, this Hogg has the ambition to be called Excellence) and that those Serv^ts: they generally send here, were Simple ignorant Fellows, of turbulant factious spiritts, contemners of y^e: Custome & [Institu] tion of y^e: Kingdome unfitt for civill Society, which his

mallice did [continue to] verrifie by fomenting discords amongst them, that being thus seperated in affection & mutuall intelligence, he might be better able to turne the Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: affaires w^{t} way he listed, and make the nation odious, & [Comp^{a}:] [rediculous] to this King, thus he acted against M^{r}: Potts, for tempering wth: trecherous Ivatt, he prevented him in every thing & ℔vertd y^{e}: Comp^{us}: affairs, y^{e}: same predicament M^{r}: Strange was in, since Cap^{t}: Saxton, & S^{d}: M^{r}: Ivatt as gen^{lly}: is reported, did not on [ly] help to oppose him, w^{t}: they could, but y^{e}: misery of too much Independance (their Hon^{rs}: Service) revealed allso w^{t}: Secrets they knew, speying and listning continually w^{t}: was s^{d}: or done in y^{e}: Factory, to inform Phaulcon w^{ch}: administer him, and y^{e}: subject to' devide & mock y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: orders & instructions, noe less y^{n}: M^{r}: Strangs conduct for y^{e}: Execution thereof, I could name some others y^{t}: used y^{e}: same trade, but hope y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: will find y^{m}: out, & be exactly mindfull of their perfidiousness.

The Letter written in Portug^{s}: (whereof Coppy herewth:) was designed by the subscribers thereof for Portugall Embassador y^{t}: came from Maccaõ: to this Court, yett so as to use o[ur] discreation to deliver it or not, finding this great man so [Master ?] of this nation for abillity & Parts, and y^{t}: he was immediately led finely by y^{e}: nose, Imparted y^{e}: Barklong y^{e}: business, requesting him to repres^{t}: it to y^{e}: King, wth: y^{e}: Just cause of y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: will have to resent those grose injuries, if some expedient or other should not be thought on, to anticipate & offer their Hon^{rs}: fitting satisfaction, and prevent farther grevances; his Highness willingly undertooke it, (for y^{e}: Greek is beloved of none but his King, who beleives him an Oracle feared by many & hated by most) but proceeding therein by picemeales and wth: a Syam like flegme, y^{e}: Greeks Celerity treachery and Impudent Insinuation &^{ca}: gott before hand wth: him, whereby he was involved to great troubles, his second lost his life being both falsely accused, of Treason misdemerritt, and ℔ticularly to y^{e}: English here w^{ch}: he perioded and subverted y^{s}: and my ℔ticular concerns, tho nothing hath been left unendeavored to succeed in both.

And since this monster in nature has had the impudence to defame our Sove [raing] Lord y^{e}: King calling [his] Majesty King of divelle, villefeing y^{e}: Nations injured y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: imprisoned Robed, abused and [break] open y^{e}: letters of their Servants, wth [other unheard of] enorumous and audatious proceedings as [heardly Indian] Prince would dare to putt in practice proveing himselfe therby the most malitious enviterate Arch Enemy to their Hon^{rs}: Interest, forgetting he was raised by Whites Crafts, Burnabys folly and wth: y^{e}: Comp^{as}: Stock, I hope their Hon^{rs}: will seeke publick redress and satisfaction, as befitts their interest and wisdom for injuries damages &c^{a}: sustained & demand him as a deserter of their service, to bring to condigne Punishm^{t}: for perpetrated Roguery, w^{ch}: is so nessessary y^{t}: wth: out y^{e}: removall of y^{e}: Fellow nothing can be expected for y^{e}: English in this Country, how much y^{s}: Port facillitates exployts of grevances and how easy y^{s}: Prince is to be brought to termes is obviously the Examples of Dutch 1659: 2 brave Shipps will effect the business.

For my owne part I might have done here as well as any body, & recovered if not full satisfaction at least a good compensation for 7500 doll^{s}: I lost by y^{e}: Kings Service, but sensible y^{s}: Prince loves Carrion, y^{t}: knows best how to flatter and cheat as may prove fatall to him at last, and ℔ceiveing nothing was to be done, wth: out coperateing and combineing wth: y^{e}: Greeks villany so detestable, y^{t}: an honest man should not for lucre of gaine expose his cred^{t}: and wound his consience, I chose rather to be patient for y^{e}: obtaineing of my due, y^{n}: to make my selfe voluntary a Slave to infidelity and Companion to vice, all Proffitts & advantages notwth: standing, and to depart hence for Bantam.

The Packquett herewth: I had of y^{e}: Worsp^{ll}: W^{m}: Keeling Cheife in Tonkeen w^{ch}: intreat yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: to forward by first conveyance, wth: Coppy of this to y^{e} Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: the Ship Smerniott sett saile wth: us y^{e}: 5 Feb^{ry}: 8$\frac{3}{4}$ out of Tonkeen but beeing halfe over y^{e}: Barr it proved [C] alme; and we ℔ceived her a ground on y^{e}: Sands, Ours a light vessell and of small draught of water gott cleare, pray God

she rec^{d}: noe damage, but I am afraid she wintred in Tonkeen, a ship full of disorders y^{t}: want[e]d much a good Command^{r}: & other officers.

By Dutch Ship from Batavia newly arrived we can learne but little, whereof y^{e}: summe is that S^{r} Thomas Grantham was at Batavia wth: 2 Shipps & that both Comp^{as}: were mutually agreed, the Dutch being to wth: draw their Garrison from Bantam, & y^{e}: English to settle there againe, So haveing nothing elce materiall to enlarge on, I conclude wth: prayers y^{t}: God may bless the Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: concerns under y^{r}: administration and yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: wth: health and Pro[s]perity I am Constantly.

Hon^{d}: Sir
Your most humble Servant
SAM: BARON.

SIAM NOV^{R}: 15TH: 1684.

THE MOUTH OF SIAM RIVER 2^{D}: APRIL 4 1684.

M^{R}: SAMUELL BARON
AND MUCH ESTEEMED SIR,

The Padrees this day arriveing us we hoped to have rec^{d}: of them the promissed lr̃e: w^{ch}: would have been to our great satisfaction as y^{e}: disappointm^{t} of hearing the farther success of yo^{r}: affairs before our departure is to our noe small trouble, but not wth: standing we hope the justness of yo^{r}: cause will prevaile, y^{e}: p̄sent circumstances of affaires in our opinion favouring it, but doubt not shall have yo^{r}: desire correspondency in China to the Satisfaction we now depart wth: out.

We are now in readiness to saile, therefore send this as our last acknowledgment of our civillitys, and wth: all to ad a rejonder of entreaty that you would please to manage the enclosed by yo^{r}: direction and goodness so as that it may arrive y^{e}: next Ship so soone as possible, if any comes.

We send it uncealed wth: submission to yo^{r}: judgment, it being but an intimation of w^{t}: yo^{r}: Selfe, and others on the place can fully explaine, to them our intention therein being only to caution, y^{t}: they may noe more be surprised unwittingly.

And wth: all we entreat, y^{t}: you would by the kind advice and assistance of y^{m}: in their affairs, further manifest your fidellity and Friendship to our Mast^{rs}: w^{ch}: we doubt not.

We send also our lr̃e: of Complaint representing our Case to Portagues Embassadour, and desiring him to doe y^{e}: like to the King for satisfaction or redress, and shall desire you to receive his reply, we having informed him that you as the Comp^{as}: Serv^{t}: are deputed thereto, and shall entreat you to act therein according to yo^{r}: owne wisdome on our Masters behalfe, not doubting our utmost endeavours of promoteing their Hon^{rs}: Interest.

This Sir wth: the Presentation of our hum^{ble}: Servis to your Selfe and Lady &ca: wth: all other friends is the necessary from

Your humble Servants
PETER CROUCH.
JOHN THOMAS.
AB: NAVARRO.

Honoured Sir,

This is to acknowledge, my humble and obsequious thanks y^{t}: yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: was pleased to send me wth: M^{r}: Stileman so kind and Cordiall invitation to Madrass w^{ch}: in all humillity I accept of, and doe intend God p̄mitting and the Greeks mallice not opposeing to pass in your Hon^{rs}: Ship by way of Bantam for your Port, unless I mett wth: orders from the Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: to prevent me, for I am their Hon^{rs}: Serv^{t}: and was appointed so since y^{e} yeare 1680, but whereto reside and in w^{t}: Station I am to be remains yett dubious on the loss of Bantam now recovered I hope, w^{t}: shall occur therein I will assume y^{e}: liberty to

advice yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: The enclosed for Agent Bowyear, beg the favour to forward wth: the Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Packett, I rest.

Your Hono^{rs}:
Most humble servant
SAM: BARRON.

P.S. W^{t}: usage Cap^{t}: Betts and Callander had here I question not but yo^{r}; Hon^{r}: has acc^{tt}: of before this.

SIAM Y^{E}: CITTY NOV^{R}: $\frac{5}{15}$ 1684. Idem
S. BARON.

RIVERS MOUTH $\frac{1}{11}$ APRILL 1684.

M^{r}: Constant Phaulkon.

We should after haveing recd: so many indignitys and abusess from yo^{r}: hands, be injust to our Selves in not declaring to you how much resented they are to yo^{r}: unworthyness of your person, indeed was allmost argument Sufficient to ꝑswade us y^{t}: yett farther undervallued our Selves in regarding your baseness wth: a cognisance, but yett y^{t}: yo^{r}: Sicophants mought not think our Silence to proceed rather from meaness of Spirit or Such like, y^{n}: disdane we disturbe our Pen and tell you of monstrous ingratitude, y^{e}: like have we not seen [so] Greekanick Trechirous, and lyers have they allways bin, w^{ch}: genu[ine] quallityyou are Sufficiently inpregnant wth: gaineing in forme of an English man, and by their creditt, then S[tr]ipping of y^{r}: English coat, and appeareing y^{e}: right treacherous Greeke and follower of Judas.

As to w^{t}: relat's our Hon^{ble}: Masters acted in time of their last Cheife and before we doubt not but he hath sufficiently animadverted, therefore it [re] mains only to tell you, y^{t}; w^{t}: hath been done since shall not faile but to be put to y^{e}: foot of his acc^{t}: not to be cancelled with out full Satisfaction.

You pretended to act by authority of King Siam but who subjected England Subjects to Syams King, y^{t}: we should be imprisoned at your pleasure and robbed of our goods a thing w^{ch}: our [Sovering] Lord thinks to [unjust,] to be acted in his owne dominions or by himselfe, how much less will he suffer it in foreing powers, you pretend to pay for the nailes as we and world shall judge reasonable, (wherein yo^{r}: Native humour deceipt appears) for as much as you pay yo^{r}: owne pleasure little more then halfe their vallue a spetiall Principall Minister of State, to Sell y^{e}: Creditt of a Kingdome for a Catte or two of mony, but know we have rec^{d}: 52½ tale in part of debt but nothing on acc^{t}: of trespass or false imprisonement, for w^{ch}: we doubt not Satisfaction, we have not will longer to interrupt our Selves in soe unworthy a conferrence, therefore desist wth: hopes y^{t}: we shall againe have opertunity of encountring you on more equall terms, and wth: more fair play.

And was Subscribed.

P.S. You woold have done me a great kindness in giveing me w^{t}: you designed, y^{t}: I might receive some satisfaction of yo^{r}: loving friend Geo: White alias Geo: Black, for his deeds towards our Hon^{ble}: Masters affaires in y^{e}: King dome the, w^{ch}: in due time shall be made appeare.

Y^{r}: most abused.
A.N. PETER CROUCH.
JOHN THOMAS.
A. NAVARRO.

IN Y^{E}: RIVER OF SIAM Y^{E}: 1ST: APRILL $\frac{84}{85}$

Gentlemen,

Wee salute you unknowne and signifie y^{t}; whereas we understand our Masters intentions to send another Ship to y^{e}: Port y^{t}: season wth: Persons on board to manage its affaires, its in duty requisite y^{t}: we who by meanes of our abode here a whole monsone have gained knowledge, of these things w^{ch}: possibly you a[s] Strangers may Ignore, but may be necessary to be knowne by you, for

the most profitable and Secure managem^{t}: of our Hon^{ble}: Masters affaires, under y^{e}: Conduct y^{n}: by reason of want of Such advice theire last Ship had.

The Hon^{ble}: Comp^{ns}: ffactory is wth: drawne more by reason of Constant Phaulkons mallice y^{n}: for y^{e} barrenness of the Place, w^{ch}: the Comp^{a}: proposed as the cause of their small proffitt, obtained by its trade but I think had more rightly lade the fault on their Servants y^{s}: mans promoted Viz^{t}: Geo^{r} White and M^{r}: Barnaby, togeather wth the private mallice and treachery of y^{s}: their fosterling.

It's endless to undertake y^{e}: shewing you y^{e}: tricks and deceiptfull contrivances of y^{s}: man Constant Phaulkon, to Supplant and abuse y^{e}: Comp^{a}: but shall give you such intimations and Cautions, as observing will be of nessessary use to you.

We think it best y^{t}: you lett not yo^{r}: Ship goe up higher y^{n}: Amsterdam or at least wth: in reach of their force.

M^{r}: Phaulkon will pretend great kindness as he did to y^{e}: Cheife M^{r}: Strange, w^{ch}: if you Creditt may repent as he did, and others who letting him have upon good promisses their goods, he returned y^{m}: w^{t}: goods he pleased tho never soe improper, and at w^{t}: rates he pleased tho never so unreasonable after having detained them beyond probabillity of gaineing their Passage.

The last ship Maxico went away wth her Europe Cargo, and notwth standing we can scarce hope for getting her Passage to Surratt, because M^{r}: Constant detained y^{e}: Cheife a month and ½ after his readiness to depart, on frivelous and malitious ꝑtences, nearly for Such an end.

Since w^{ch}: he having gott us up at Siam, imprison[ed] us till we were forced to deliver such goods as he demanded, his designe being to have y^{e}: whole Ship in his hands, and Cargoe, but by Gods blessing we gott out of his reach.

Fearing still if he remains powerfull, y^{e} will be able to doe little business, but y^{t}: y^{e}: may be sure we advice you to keep yo^{r}: Ship out of reach Cred^{t}: not Constants fair words, w^{ch} are delusive and be circumspect and weary of his Clandestine actions and also consult M^{r}: Samuell Baron a Person of great judgment and knowledge, as well friend and serv^{t}: to y^{e}: Comp^{a}: w^{ch}: is the advice we can give you in breife, leaving y^{e}: applecation to your owne discreation, and the blessing of God protect and guard you, and was Subscribed

yo^{r}: ffriends & Servants
PETER CROUCH.
JOHN THOMAS.
A^{B}: NAVARRO.

COODALOOR FEBRUARY Y^{E} 7TH: $16\frac{84}{85}$.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCELL.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

This serves cheifly to advise you that I have now laden Sloopes Royall James, and William, wth: as many [Bale] goods as they are able to take in on the former of w^{ch}: is 90 Bales and on the latter 122 Bales, w^{ch}: had sooner been dispatch[ed] toward you had the wind any waies favourd it, their Invoyces, and Bills of Lading shall be very speedily transmitted to you by Land Conveighance.

M^{r}: Ord is gone to Porto Novo to Contract for the Investment intended to be made there, who understand is taken ill of a feaver, I have therefore forwarded the Docter to him, that he may apply those things y^{t}: are most propper and Expedient for his recovery this wth: the tender of my respects and humble Service is w^{t}: needfull at ꝑsent from

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most obedient Serv^{t}:
RALPH INGRAM.

P.S. In regard y^{t}: before my Invoices may reach yo^{r}: hands if the Sloops should meet wth: a quick passage, I thought convenient to give you y^{e}: numbers of the Cloth as well as the Sorts Laden on Each of them Viz^{t}: on Sloop Royall James 90 Bales.

L. C. B. N°: 6 Bales 40 Long cloth blue.
S. A. O. N°: 3 Bales 10: Salampores ordinary.
B. E. T. N°: 28 Bales 3 } Betteeloes.
29 Bales 5 }
25 Bales 7 }
L. C. O. N°: 2 Bales 10 Long cloth ordinary.
P. E. R. O. N°: 1 Bales 8 Percullaes ordinary.
2 Bales 7: ditto:
On Sloop William 122 Bales.
L. C. B. N° 6 Bales 52 Long cloth blue.
L. C. O. N° 2 Bales 50 Long Cloth ordn^{y}:
N° 1 Bales 10 ditto.
B. E. T. N° 26 Bales 10 Betteeloes.

Bales... 122 R: I:

PORTO NOVO FEB^{RY}: 6TH $16\frac{84}{85}$.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESID^{T}: & GOVERN^{R}: &^{A} COUNCELL OF FFORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &^{ca}:

We were in hopes to have given yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &^{ca}: Some more acceptable acc^{t}: of the businesse comitted to our mannagem^{t}: then now we can, or Shall (we fear) be able to doe.

We had brought y^{e}: Cheife of our Merch^{ts}: to consent to pay y^{e}: Surplusage of y^{e}: Customes between this place and Coodaloare, as Likewise to bring in a Considerable quantity of goods upon Interest at nine ℔ C^{t}: but now they are this after noon altered, for from Atcheen arrived a Ship of Manuell Fezera's y^{t}: brings news of y^{e}: arrivall of an Interloper at Atcheen, and of Six more come out upon w^{ch}: the Merch^{ts}: have Sent [us] word by our Cheife dubasse y^{t}: they cannot allow y^{e}: difference of y^{e}: Custome w^{t}: will be y^{e}: difference w^{n}: we come ℔sonally to discourse we cannot tell but feare y^{e}: worste & therefore shall assume a little Liberty in concludeing on y^{e}: best tearmes we can. As yett we have not resolved but Shall according to y^{e} Pressure of affaires, and y^{e}: Confidence we find in our Merch^{ts}: in this Juncture. We have good Confidence in our Subidar who has given us Liberty to Land our Rantackers Sent hither, but y^{e}: Truth is y^{e}: divan is much necessitated by y^{e}: want of Raines here this yeare, and w^{t}: mony from the Interlopers may doe is hard to guesse. What the danger of these Interlopers may bee yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: will we hope be able to judge bett^{r}: by Lres: we now forward from Atcheen, however thinke the Risgoe of the Interlopers Arrivall to Over vallue y^{e}: difference bet[wixt] y^{e}: Merch^{ts}: and us, and w^{ch}: may be rectifyed w^{n}: the Coast is cleare, this wth: the tender of our Service is all at p^{r}sent from

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most hum^{ble}: Serv^{ts}:
RALPH ORD.
W^{M}: CAWLEY.

P.S. We have laid Peoines att Saddrassapat^{m} : and Conimero for your quick advices, therefore be pleased to lett the Peoines yo^{r} : Hon^{r} : Sends call on them

Idem.

R. O.
W. C.

To the Worsp^{ll} : Elihu Yale.
Esq^{R} Cheife & Govern^{R}: &c^{a}: Councell att Madras.

Worshipfull Sir, &c^{a} :

It was ordered in Councell at Coralour that y^{e} : Sloop Charles should be loaded at Porto Novo in regard there was a considerable quantity of fine goods here and y^{t} : She should be dispatcht immediatly hence for her Speedier arrivall, and therefore this comes for a Covert to her bill of Lading, The Invoyces yo^{r} : Worsp : &c^{a} : will receive from y^{e} : Cheife &c^{a} : Councell at Coralour having from hence dispatcht an account of particulars thither, we hope in a few daies to give some acc^{t} : of y^{e} : businesse recommended to our management, in mean time remain and ever Shall.

Worsp^{ll} : S^{r} : &c^{a} :

PO : No : Jan : 29th : $16\frac{84}{85}$

Your most hum^{ble} : Servants
Ralph Ord.
W^{M} : Cawley.

Conimero Feb^{RY} : Y^{E} : 5TH : $16\frac{84}{85}$

To the Hon^{BLE} : W^{M} : Gyfford Esq^{R} :
President Gourn^{R} : &c^{A} : Councell in Fort S^{T} : George.

Hon^{ble} : S^{r} : &c^{a} :

Sloop Mary arrived in this Road the 31st : Ult^{o} : but ever Since the winds being Soe violent and y^{e} : Seas running Soe high that noe Boats were able to goe off, but this day proving a little Calmer, we have Sent of our bales and laden her and Soe dispatcht her to you, inclosed comes the bill of Ladeing and tomorrow Shall Send our Invoice over Land Soe this being y^{e} : needfull we remaine.

Hon^{ble} : S^{r} : &c^{a} :

P.S.
You may please to return this Sloop to us or another we having a Lading ready.

Your most hum^{ble} : Serv^{ts} :
John : Willcox.
Rich^{D} : Milton.
Ben : Bloome.

Metchlepatam y^{E} : 5TH : Feb^{Y} : $16\frac{84}{85}$

To the Hon^{BLE} : W^{M} : Gyfford Esq^{R} :
President & Governo^{R} : of ffort S^{T} : George &c^{A} : Councell.

Hon^{ble} : S^{r} : &c^{a} :

Being on Board Ship Eagle found y^{e} : Accomp^{a} : Letter w^{ch} : being directed for the Bay, y^{e} : Cap^{t} : detained it, but upon Consideration has now delivered it us for Convayance to you he intends to Saile hence on Saturday Morning next being y^{e} 7th Currant for y^{e} : Bay haveing gott w^{t} : refreshment he stands in need of, and will not be ꝑswaded to Stay Longer for yo^{r} : advices.

Wee had dispatched two boats to you before now wth : Bales, but none is procurable the Govern^{r} : haveing prest all the Boatmen for y^{e} : Kings Service to fetch

paddy Soe that we shall Send wt: Bales have in readiness by ye: Trivetore, wch we hourly expect here and is all that offers at present from

Honble: Sr: &ca:
Your most humble: and
Obedient Servants
Robt: Freeman.
Timothy Harris.
Sam: Swynoke.

Fort St: George ffebry: 13th: 1684.

To the Honble: Wm: Gyfford
Esqr: President &ca: Councell.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

I formerly made it my humble: request to ye: Worspll: Cheife &ca: yt: they would please to ℔ mitt me ye: Lading two Boxes of Seed Pearle on Ship Royall James, wch: came to late the Ship being dispatch'd before its arrivall, therefore most humbly renew my request to you that you would please to ℔mitt the Lading of itt on these Ships having I hope given you full Sattisfaction that it was provided long before the Honble: Compas: [prohibition] was knowne, therefore hope you will please to [justifie] me therein, and alsoe accquaint ym: in a line or two in your Generall of itt, that Soe those to whome tis consigned may meete wth: noe obstructions att home, wch: favour shall bee esteemed as a very great obligation by

Honble: Sr: &ca:
Yor: most humble and obedient Servant
Jno: Davis.

To ye: Honble: Wm: Gyfford
Esqr: Presidt: &ca: Councell.

Fort St: George ffebry: 13th: 1684.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

Your Honr: &ca: having been pleased to intimate to me yor: dissattisfaction the Sortmts: of Some goods recd: from Coddaloor not being in yor: judgments agreeable to M[u]ster, I thought it my duty to give you the greatest Sattisfaction possibly therein being Sensible how great an abuse it is and how highly itt would be resented by or: Honble: Employrs: though for ye: goods presume for ye: gennerallity they are as good as any Mr: Lucas yor: Warehouse keeper having affirmed before you that amongst Some goods that came from thence before he Saw some Morees wt: prov'd very good provided on this Coast, & for yor: Sattisfaction in yt: perticular humbly intreate an inquirey may be made into wt: recd: from other ℔ts, wch: if found agreable to yor: musters wch: you are pleased to esteeme ours Short of, [I must needs] acknowledge it hath been for [want of] necessary care yt: ought to have been, in wch: have not been wanting to our power, but how farr it may bee thought two men Sufficient for the carrying on the [weighty] affaires of Codaloor and Porto Novo as they ought to be, must refer to you to Judge, having ys: yeare wholy layne on my owne and Mr: Ingrams Shoulders, therefore if there be any little [omissions wch] I hope there is not it's the more excusable and hope it cannot bee imputed to any fault of ours, but the want of necessary assistance, having been much more Streightned for it then other ffactoryes, wch: impute to ye: want of Servts: you having been pleased to Supply us wth: wch: could conveniently bee Spared. As for our Sortmt: wch: you are pleased to except against I doe declare my Selfe and Mr: Ingram to have been present att it, and to have Sorted as neare ye muster as possible, and if there be any defect therein, it may in a greate measure bee imputed to the Shortness of time, our goods coming in Soe late that we were forced to give our constant attendance on itt morning an afternoone (otherways they could not possibly have been embaled to have gone by this years Shipps) wch: possibly may cause some little differance in ye Sortmt: for you know by experience yt: there is noe mans sight soe

strong as to be able to Sort of an Equall goodness a whole day together, neither will y^e^: Cloth indeed admitt of it, being all in Some folds good and some badd in one and y^e^: Same peece and there is, noe other rule to be observed in Sorting y^t^: I know of, y^n^: this, y^t^: is if there be more folds good in a peece then badd, and y^e^: good agreable to the muster you Sort by, not w^th^: standing y^e^: badd to pass it to y^e^: same sort, but Since all my paines & care in this perticular w^ch^ hoped might have been well approved, is disaproved of, I most humbly renew my request that I might for the future bee excused Sorting the Cloth, (being willing as farr as lyes in my power prevent giving you y^e^: least dissattisfaction, but in all things oblidge you by a punctuall observance of your orders and that you will please to appoint Some able and honest [p̄son the] Employm^t^: being a place of Soe[great] charge w^ch^: [will] make my care to inspect into as often as [requisite &] remitt you an acc^t^: thereof, w^ch^ is w^t^: I have to offer in this affaire.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &^ca^:
Your most hum^ble^: and
Obedient Servant
Jn^o^: Davis.

To the R^t^: Worsp^ll^: W^m^: Gyfford
Presid^r^: &^ca^: Councell for Affaires of y^e^:
Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: on the Coast of Cormandell and Bay of Bengalla.

In President Gyffords absence, whom we have heard from, from Hugly, under the first 8^ber^ rec^d^: a Gen^ll^: from M^r^: Yale, &c^a^: of the 10^th^: 8^ber^: w^ch^: came to hand the 21^st^: 9^ber^: advising the loss of many worthy men about you, It has [been] a very Sickly yeare throughout the whole Country, and w^th^: us have dyed M^r^: George Gosfright and M^r^: Jn^o^: Koinigold, two Gentlemen of Councell besides many others, Cap^t^: Mason lyes very ill, and we believe will miscarry, and Cap^t^: Davis is deceased. We observe y^t^: you are under y^e^: like Circumstances w^th^: us for want of Stock suitable to y^e^: tonnage Sent you out we must be contented, and doe as much as we are able as well as you hopeing good [success] may attend the Severall designes you were upon to our Hon^ble^: Masters advantage.

The Letters that accompaned yo^r^: packquet we rec^d^: and Sent forward yours to y^e^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: by the Mexico Merch^t^: [we are in] great expectation, as well as want of y^e^: Royall James Sloop, w^th^: y^e^: Comp^a^ of Souldiers Sent over for Bombay now we have the possession againe w^ch^: being in answer to yo^rs^: Shall give you y^e^: desired [account] of w^t^: new[s] presents.

No new Interlopers molest us y^s^: yeare tis said y^t^: two or three are come out w^th^: Say for Musters and y^e^: Coast, but none appears yett. The Bristoll is at y^e^: rivers mouth and tis thought will be going homewards in few days, y^e^ Cheapest of her lading is pepper, y^t^ she gott last yeare, w^th^: Some course goods that she takes in here, and an other Small Interloper called the Speedwell lost her passage to Mocha, returned w^th^: her freight goods, run aShoar going up the River, and is now hauled up for a Merch^t^: y^t^: y^e^: men may gett y^e^: wages due to y^m^: may they all meet w^th^: noe better Success, M^r^: Pettit coming from Bombay in a ship of his Called y^e^: George in an engadgement w^th^: Sanganas by accident the Powder took fire, and blew up y^e^: Ship, he rec^d^: some hurt was saved in his boate, take in up an carryed shoare by y^e^: Sanganas where after some time he dyed, Bowcher is at last returned from Court w^th^: a Phirmaund from y^e^: King and letter of recommendation from y^e^: Prince to y^e^: Gove^r^: w^ch^: he has Shewne but the loss of his partner Pettit and y^e^: Want of Ships he looks for, keeps him quiet, and believe hee thinks he shall hardly make his mony of them, haveing stood him by credible information in Rup^s^: 22000 Charges.

Bombay, we bless God is at last reduced and the Rebells delivered up the Fort and Island to S^r^: Tho: Grantham the 20^th^: 8^ber^: Since w^ch^: all things are indifferent well there M^r^: Zin[z]am is gone downe at p̄sent to take y^e^: Charge of Deputy Govern^r^: till y^e^: Presid^t^: can goe himselfe, w^ch^: he intends God willing by the [. . .]

We have allready Sent from us y^{s} : yeare the Hare and Maxico Merch^{t} : the first y^{e} : 26th : 7^{ber} : and the latter y^{e} : first instant, y^{e} : East India Merch^{ts} : will follow in a few dayes we have more in y^{e} : factory, Charles y^{e} : Second, the Samson and Barnardiston at Bombay, but Coming up to us, y^{e} : Society Comes hither from Callicut, and y^{e} : China Merch^{t} : from Carwarr. In y^{e} : Hole (besides y^{e} : East India Merch^{t} :) the Asia, the Williamson, y^{e} : Nathaniell y^{e} : Ceazar and y^{e} : Faulcon, of all this number, we hope to dispatch away in January 6 more of y^{e} : biggest, of the rest, Some may be winter Ships and others be employed to y^{e} : best advantage in y^{e} : Country.

You cannot be unsencible y^{t} : we are put to extraordinary Streights y^{s} : yeare, by reason of y^{e} : scarcity of mony wth : us, w^{ch} : will necessitate us to keep Some ships till the next yeare.

The John and Mary, and Siam Merch^{t} : y^{t} : you looked for hope are arrived ; the first was in Company wth : the Barnardiston at S^{t} : Jago.

Inclosed goes a list of divers Ships that have past S^{t} : Helena w^{ch} : may be some Sattisfaction to you to peruse.

This being w^{t} : offers at ꝑsent, wth : kind respects, Rest

Swally Marine X^{ber} 8th : 1684.

Your affectionate Friends & Servants
JOHN CHILD.

The Pottamarrs dispatched
y^{e} : 11th : Janu^{ry} : $16\frac{84}{85}$.

JOHN GLADMAN.

TO THE HON^{BLE} : W^{M} : GYFFORD
ESQ^{R} : PRESID^{T} & GOVERN^{R} : &^{CA} :
COUNCELL IN FORT S^{T} : GEORGE.

PORTO NOVO FEB^{RY} 10TH $16\frac{84}{85}$

Hon^{ble} : S^{r} : &c^{a} :

This is to acq^{t} : yo^{r} : Hon^{r} : &^{a} that we have now concluded with [our] Merch^{ts} : for 40000 Pag^{s} : of goods w^{ch} : are to be brought in by y^{e} : 1st : May we having advanced them 4500 Pago^{s} : and the two Chests of Silver we brought wth : us & are to advance them 20000 Pag^{s} : more in twenty days the other 10000 Pag^{s} : they are to advance themselves for w^{ch} : we are to allow them 9 Per Cent ꝑann after y^{e} : pr^{mo} May untill satisfaction be made, they promise to bring in much more but would not article for it.

We have Likewise ꝑvailed wth : them to allow the surplusage of Custome we pay here more then at Coodaloare the Prices for y^{e} : goods being the Same.

Wee were not very earnest wth : them to take any Europe goods because we knew yo^{r} : Godownes were cleared, but they promise to take of their Proportion next yeare.

ffor our Methods, and discourses for accomplishing our Busynesse, we humbly refer yo^{r} : Hon^{r} : &c^{a} : to our Diary w^{ch} : shall come in its due time and Remaine

P.S. Be pleased to hasten y^{e} : 20000 Pag^{s} :
or else our Busyness will goe but
Slowly on.
Id : R : O :
W. C.

Hon^{ble} : S^{r} : &c^{a} :
Your most hum^{ble} : &
Obed^{t} Servants
RALPH ORD.
W^{M} : CAWLEY.

COODALOOR Y^E : 11^TH FEBRUARY $16\frac{8}{85}$

To the Hon^BLE: W^M: Gyfford Esq^R:
Presd^T: & Govern^R: &c^A: Councill.

Hon^ble: S^r: &^ca:

This Serves for a covert for the Rubies invoyce w^ch here enclosed forward. There is a bale of Neckcloths N^o: 40: Mark^d: w^th a crosse to distinguish it, wherein there is but 120 Peeces, w^ch: we Suppose may be upon the Charles, and therefore desire yo^r: Hon^r: &c^a: to advice home thereof, if after an enquiry into the Rubies bales of Neckcloths there be not Such a bale, w^ch: if there be y^n: be pleased to rectifie her Invoice and advice us thereof.

Fraight for the Rubies Cargo is allready p^d: here, and therefore desire yo^r: Hon^r: &^ca: to excuse y^e: mistake in the Bill of Lading therein it mentions yo^r: Hon^r: &c^a to pay freight w^th: Primage and avarage.

We shall want mony here for y^e: Washers &^ca: expences and therefore desire yo^r: Hon^r: &^ca: to forward some to
The bill of Lading is forwarded by the Sloop.

l^d R. O.
R. I.

Hon^ble: S^r: &^ca:
Your hum^ble: & obedie^t Servants
Ralph Ord.
Ralph Ingram

CONIMERE FEB^Y: THE 13^TH: $16\frac{8}{85}$

To the Hon^BLE: W^M: Gyfford Esq^R:
Presid^T: Govern^R: &c^A: Councill in
Fort S^T: George.

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:

This serves only to accompany our Generall books of acc^ts w^th our Consultations and letter books for England & w^th: in a day or two shall advice you farther of o^r: affaires, y^e: Subidar & Amboje Pontulo having been here lately, soe this being y^e: needfull we remain,

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:
Your most hum^ble: Servants
Jn^o: Willcox.
Richd: Milton.
Ben: Bloome.

PORTO NOVO FFEB^RY: 10^TH: $16\frac{8}{85}$.

To the Hon^BLE: W^M Gyfford Esq^R:
Presid^T: & Govern^R: &c^A Councill In Fort S^T: George.

Hon^ble S^r: &^ca:

This Serves for a Covert of the Rubyes Bill of of Lading w^ch: we dispatcht this day for Maddrass we have writt to your Hon^r: &c^a: att large of y^e: same date, & therefore Shall not add Save that we are.

Hon^ble: S^r: &^ca:
Your most hum^ble: & Obedi^t: Serv^ts:
Ralph Ord.
W^M: Cawley.

P.S. Least y^e: Sloop might arrive before yo^r: Peones we have Sent a Coppy of our Lre y^t: comes by land.

Idem.
R.O.
W.C.

PORTO NOVO, FEB^{RY}: 14TH: $16\frac{8}{85}$.

To Y^{E}: HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESID^{T}: & GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL AT FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &^{ca}:

M^{r}: Ord having rec^{d}: advices of his Wife & Childe being dangerously Sick desires Liberty to come to Maddrasse, all Businesse being here Setled, and noe Cloaths comeing in here these twenty day's, and at Coodaloare hee has embailed all y^{t}: is already washt, therefore earnestly request your Hon^{r}: &^{ca}: to Licence his Retorne to Maddrasse which is all at present from

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most obedi^{t}: & hum^{ble}:
Serv^{ts}:
RALPH ORD.
W^{M}: CAWLEY.

CONIMERE FEB^{RY}: Y^{E} 8TH: $16\frac{8}{85}$.

To THE HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESID^{T}: GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL IN FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

This serves only to accompany Sloop Williams Invoice, am^{t}: to Pag^{s}: [*lacuna in the original.*] whome we dispatch'd last night Soe we remaine.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most hum^{ble}: Servants
JOHN WILLCOX.
RICH^{D}: MILTON.
BEN: BLOOME.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM VENCATE DORMAROOS FROM S^{T}: THOMAY TO Y^{E}: HON^{BLE} W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: DATED FFEB^{RY}: $16\frac{8}{85}$.

I enjoy good health, wishing to hear the like from your Hon^{r}: y^{e}: Interlopers People remained at S^{t}: Thomay, wth: their goods, w^{ch}: Lingapa hearing of, Sent Peones to Stop them and for these 15 days past these men went dayly to yo^{r}: towne, and yesterday they came wth: 20 of yo^{r}: Souldiers 2 Horsemen and Cooleys, and took away their goods by force, for all o^{r}: divans People putt a duroy upon them, if Lingapa Should hear of this passage I Can't tell w^{t}: he would Say to it, I understand this was acted by yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: order, I desire your Hon^{r}: to keep yo^{r}: love towards me and Command me of your service.

CONIMERO FEB^{RY}: Y^{E}: 17TH: $16\frac{8}{85}$.

To THE HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESID^{T}: GOVERN^{R}: &^{CA}: COUNCILL IN FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Sloop W^{m}. arrived in this Road last night, and this day have laden her and according to yo^{r}: order have dispatcht her to you, herewth: comes our bill of Lading, the Invoice Shall follow over Land. Soe we remaine

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Yo^{r}: most hum^{ble}: Servants:
JOHN WILLCOX.
RICH^{D}: MILTON.
BEN.: BLOOME.

To the Hon^{ble}: W^{m}: Gyfford Esq^{r}: Presid^{t}: &^{ca}: Councell. Madapollam ffeb^{ry}: [*Lacuna in the original*] $16\frac{84}{85}$.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

The 6 instant y^{e}: Ship Trivetore gott Safe over y^{e}: Barr, & in Conformitie to y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Presid^{ts}: &c^{a}: orders w^{n}: at Metchlepatam, we have Laden all our goods upon her, being 83 bales, Invoyce whereof and bill of Lading comes herewth: amounting to Pag^{s}: 7261: 11: 4: another bill of Lading shall be remitted you very Speedily wth: our Consultations, Dyary acc^{t}: Cash, & Stewards acc^{t}: w^{ch} is the needfull y^{t}: we have to advice you at Present, we Respectfully Remaine,

Hon^{ble}: Sir &^{ca}:

Your very humble Servants
Sam: Wales.
Rich^{d}: Brereton.

Metchlepatam y^{e}: 15th: Feb^{ry}: $16\frac{84}{85}$.

To y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: W^{m}: Gyfford Esq^{r}: President &^{ca}: Councell.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Our last to you was of y^{e}: 5th: Curr^{t}: and not having any of yo^{rs}: to answer this only for Covert to y^{e}: Enclosed bill of Lading, y^{e}: Invoyce shall be sent to Morrow by Land Convayance being unwilling to detaine one minute longer for y^{t}: the Season being late, we had Sent y^{e}: greatest p^{t}: of these goods to you Sooner had any boats or Vessells been procurable but allmost all the boats and boatmen being pressd into y^{e}: Kings service to fetch Paddy were forced to detaine them till now. We shall not further Enlarge but referr to our overland advices and remaine.

S^{rs}

The Syam Merch^{t}: was dispatchd for Persia y^{e}: 2^{d}: Curr^{t}: & y^{e}: Eagle

Saild for Bengall y^{e}: 9th: two of the Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Serv^{ts}: y^{t}: came passengers Upon her being as they say Ordred for this Coast left her here M^{r}: Pitt and M^{r}: Leveson who take passage to you now upon y^{e}: Ship Trivitore.

Id: R: Ff:
T: H:
S: S:

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &^{ca}:
Your most hum^{ble}: & most obedient Serv^{ts}:
Rob^{t}: Freeman.
Timothy Harris.
Sam: Swynoke.

Madapollam Feb^{ry}: 14th: $16\frac{84}{85}$.

To y^{e} Hon^{ble}: W^{m}: Gyfford Esq^{r}: President &^{ca}: Councell.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &^{ca}:

The 6th: Instant we dispatcht y^{e}: Ship Trivetore to Metchlep^{a}: according to orders formerly rec^{d}: from yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: w^{n}: there adviced whereof at y^{e}: same time w^{ch}: Invoice and bill of Lading of y^{e}: goods upon her for y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: acco^{t}: Sent enclosed in a Short Gen^{ll}: to M^{r}: ffreeman &^{ca}: at Metchlep^{a}: desired y^{m}: to send y^{e}: same by y^{e} Said Ship to ffort S^{t}: George.

We herewth: Send a Transcript of our Consultations diary, & acco^{t}: of Cash from y^{e}: 15th: Nov^{br}: to y^{e}: Close of y^{e}: last month our acco^{tt}: wth: y^{e}: Merch^{ts}: are likewise Stated according to his Hon^{rs}: orders Sent us from Metchlep^{a}: y^{e}: 15th: of last Month and there appear to be due to them upon Ballance Pag^{s}: 7495: 15: 1:

The Sloop Conimeer having lain in y^{e}: ffactory for a Considerable time in a Crazy rotton Condition we have thought fitt to dispose of her to M^{r}: Bowrey for Pag^{s}: 40, She has been at y^{e}: Charge of Pag^{s}: 17 for bringing up y^{e}: river and have been a Shoar, w^{ch}: must be deducted out of y^{e}: s^{d}: 40 pag^{s}: and wth: a Cable of hers spared to M^{r}: Dixon for y^{e}: Sloop Mary at [7] Pag^{s}; Shee will stand Sold at Pag^{s}: 30 clear mony, for w^{ch}: acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: Fort S^{t}: George Shall be Creditted in our books of acc^{ts}: we did judg it y^{e}: best course to sell y^{e}: prementioned Sloop, otherwise in a short time Shee would have fallen to peices, and w^{t}: soever belonging to her of a little Value would probably been Embazled, So y^{t}: we hope you will approve of her Sale.

The Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Cash in this Factory is at present very low, y^{e}: Ballance of y^{e}: last months acc^{t}: being but Pag^{s}: 456: we entreat you will please to order us a Supply as well for y^{e}: ffactory Expences (w^{ch}: for y^{e} two last months have runn high, by reason of y^{e}: Ships and others extraordinary occasions) as to Present Hossanbeague who is now in these parts, about w^{ch}: we desired yo^{r}: orders in a former Gen^{ll}:

There is neither black Gram, or Red Gram, yet procureable, nor will be this month or longer, w^{n}: y^{e}: Season is, we Shall take care to provide y^{e}: quantity. [The cash-account ?] of Jan^{ry}: comes here enclosed, w^{ch}: wth: y^{e}: Tender of our most humble services Pretended, is w^{t}: wee have to advise from

Hon^{ble}: Sir &ca
Your most hum^{ble}: Servants
SAM: WALES.
RICH: BREBETON.
CHA: FFOWNES.

P.S.

Hon^{ble}: Sir &^{ca}:

The Gov^{r}: of this towne Ayaparaz has Sev^{ll}: times desired from us a ℔sent for y^{e}: last yeare, w^{ch}: according to former years amo^{ts}: to Pag^{s}: 28 given him in broad cloth or Scarlet, w^{ch}: we have endeavour'd to wave because his Governm^{t}: is under Hossanbeauge, and that in consideration of y^{e}: great ℔sent made yearly to him y^{e}: Petty Presents are to be taken off, wth w^{ch} he appears dissatisfied, and desires he may not loose his Present, Since he is allways upon y^{e}: place, & y^{e}: ffactory Stands in his Towne, and y^{t}: he has ever been ready to Serve y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Interest, in w^{t}: lay in his power all w^{ch}: he desired we would represent to yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &^{ca}: w^{ch}: we promised him, and entreat you will please to take it into Consideration, whether it may not be expedient to Continue the said Ayaparaz his Pres^{t}: Since tis in his power in Hossanbeaug's Absence to give great impedim^{t}: to the Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: affaires and Merch^{ts}: as also in all y^{e}: small necessaries, y^{e}: ffactory & Serv^{ts}: thereto belonging have dayly occasion for in y^{e}: towne, we humbly entreat the favour of yo^{r}: orders hereinto.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &^{ca}:
Your most hum^{ble}: Servants
SAM: WALES.
RICH: BREBETON.
CHA: FFOWNES.

The 7 Pag^{s}: for y^{e}: Sloop Conimeers Cable was not charged by us to y^{e}: Sloop Mary because we have no acc^{t}: of y^{e}: Conimeer in our books, but left it to yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &^{ca}: charging of it there to y^{e}: Mary So we Shall onely Creditt you for 23: Pag^{s}: w^{ch}: is the mony we have Received.

Id. S. W.
R. B.
C. FF.

METCHLEP^{A}: THE 16TH: FEB^{RY}: $16\frac{84}{85}$.

To Y^{E}: HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT &^{CA}: COUNCILL.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &^{ca}:

Yesterday we dispatchd to you y^{e}: Ship Trivitore wth: w^{t}: bales had in readyness and wrote to you breifly for Covert of our bill Lading we now Send you our Invoice and shall in few days more make up acco^{ts}: wth: our Merch^{ts}: and Send wth: our acco^{t}: Cash by w^{ch}: you will See how much wee Stand indebted; a Supply of mony [would] be very necessary Severall [℔cells] of our goods this yeare being bought of Moores and Dutch Merch^{ts}: who are troublesome to us for the paym^{t}: thereof, Our owne Merch^{ts}: likewise Expect a Supply according to promise of y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Presid^{t}: w^{n}: here they have Still at the washers a Considerable quantety of goods to y^{e}: value of about 10000 Pag^{s}: besides their turnd out Cloth w^{ch}: they offer to us at Interest therefore desire to know whither may accept thereof or not. The ffreight of y^{e}: Siam Merch^{t}: is not all yet rec^{d}: Some Merch^{ts}: Inhabitants of this Towne & Goodra putting us off wth: delays from day to day: the whole will amo^{t}: to Upwards of 9000 Pag^{s}: out of w^{ch}: y^{e}: Govern^{r}: is to have 10 ℔ Cent for procuring it; we have as yett gott but about 7,000: 5000 of which is delivered to our Merch^{ts}: but y^{t}: they Say is hardly Sufficient to pay y^{e}: Washers, if they are in Some measure supplyed answerable to their Expectations doe beleive may Engage them to a Considerable Investm^{t}: against June or July next w^{ch}: leave to yo^{r}: Consideration y^{e}: Urgency of the Occasion and Remaine,

P.S.—Three days past we dispatch'd To you y^{e}: 2 piscash horses in good Condition.

Hon^{ble}; S^{r}: &^{ca}:
Your most hum^{ble}: & obedient Serv^{ts}:

Id. R. FF.
T. H.
S. S.

ROB^{T}: FREEMAN.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.
SAM: SWYNOK.

VIZAGAPATAM FFEB^{RY}: 5TH $16\frac{84}{85}$.

To Y^{E}: HON^{BLE} W^{M} GYFFORD
PRESID^{T}: & GOVERN^{R}: &^{CA}: COUNCELL.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &^{ca}:

His Hon^{rs}: of the 15th: past from Metchlep^{a}: came to hand y^{e}: ℔mo: instant menconing the receipt of our Invoyces and Bills Lading Since w^{n}: have dispatcht Sloop Gingerlee wth: near our whole remains and then Sent transcripts of our Transactions for y^{e}: months of Septemb^{r}: October: November and December, y^{e}: reason why they were not monthly Sent was rendred [in o^{r}] Genll of the 24th: Janu^{ry}: and hope they all came in time to join reception and y^{t}: from them, M^{r}: Ramsden & M^{r}: Fleetwood you will be fully informed and Satisfied of our this years Negotiacons: Herewth: comes Copies of our Consultations acc^{t}: Cash and Stewards expences for the month of Janu^{ry}: whereunto please to be referr'd for y^{e}: conclusion made wth: our Merch^{ts}: on y^{e}: score of this last years Investm^{t}:, the Ballance of their acc^{ts}: we rec^{d}: that might goe one wth: the building a Spacious and Substantiall Godowne to Secure the Comp^{ns}: estate from fire, whereof at ℔sent we have in great danger & ran a great hazard the last yeare, are likewise preparing all Sorts of Materialls for the building a ffactory this fair Season and desire you will please to Supply us wth: Some master workeman from the Fort, esteeming it highly convenient to make use of the liberty at present given us to Build a ffactory where and as we please, least if deferr'd we should be limited therein. [If] you shall please to Send mony to be invested at this Season it may be

laid out in any Sorts of Comoditees the Country produces and to good advantage besides twill be an incouragement to our new Settlem^{t}: & our Merch^{ts}: poverty requires an early Supply as more at large menc̃on is made of in our Consultac̃on of y^{e}: 25 August and reckon that by the mõ: of July for y^{e}: Amoy or Bengall Merch^{t}: may invest if you shall require it to y^{e}: amount of 30,000 or 40,000 Pag^{s}: in a well propoc̃ond Sortm^{t}: w^{ch}: after this Season cannot be, we conveniently performed as in the other ffactories where the Merch^{ts}: are p̃sons of plentifull estates w^{ch}: being the Sũme of w^{t}: have to say at p̃sent respectfully Subscribe my Selfe.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &^{ca}:
Your most Obedi^{t}: & very hum^{ble}: Serv^{t}
R. Browne.

Pettipollee, ffeb^{ry}: y^{e}: 20th: $16\frac{84}{85}$.

To y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: W^{m}: Gyfford Esq^{r}:
Presid^{r} &^{ca}: Councell.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &^{ca}:

Having none of y^{rs}: att present to reply to, and there being no occurrences happened here worthy yo^{r}: notice [since] our Last [has] occasioned our Silence & w^{t}: att [present now of moment to remitt] you is our Consultac̃ons diary acc^{t}: of Cash for the last month, and Stewards Expences for y^{e}: month of x^{ber}: last past, y^{e}: Ballance of Cash being Rup^{s}: 108 : 26 :

The late Cheife having by Consultation bearing date the 11th: December last past sold to y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: a horse at Pag^{s}: 150 upon Condition to have him againe then he was to repay the said mony, w^{ch}: he has now done and it's thought convenient the horse be sent him, and y^{e}: mony be brought to Acco^{t}: w^{ch}: has a Little Supplyed us for this month, after w^{ch}: there will be little or none left, therefore we desire you to Send us some for y^{e}: ffactory Expences, this being all what offers att present we Remaine,

P.S. Pray be pleased to Supply us wth Some paper for we have none in the ffactory. J. L.

Hon^{ble}: Sir &^{ca}:
Your most obedient Servants
John Littleton.
W^{m}: Shales.

Hugly 12th: January $\frac{84}{85}16$

To the Hon^{ble}: W^{m}: Gyfford Esq^{r}:
Govern^{r}: of Fort s^{t}: George & City
of Madras Presid^{t}: & Councill
for Affairs of the Hon^{ble}: English
East India Comp^{a}: in the Coast
of Cormand^{el}: Bay Bengall &^{ca}:

Most Hon^{ble}: S^{rs}:

Our last to yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &^{ca}: was the first & 6th: Instant by the S^{t}: Joseph a ffrench Sloop whereof is Command^{r}: Monsi^{r}: Bertiand, who promiseth wth: great care to deliver it. He goeing directly to the Fort, wth: out Staying by the way, was the reason we Sent by him.

This goes by the Defence, upon whom, besides her owne Quintelage, we have Ship'd 4,000 bags of Petre & 4,000 bags of Turmerick, and Provisions for y^{e}: Fort, as p̃ bill of Lading and Invoice, w^{ch}: goes herewth: y^{e}: Am^{t}: of w^{ch}: is Rs. 28810: 7^{a}: 6^{p}.

We are now in great doubt whether we Shall [send] the Ann away [time] enough to have [her passages . . . . .] We have not any goods from Decca, Maulda, or Cassimbuzar but w^{t}: went aboard the Henry & W^{m}:, neither are we like to have. The Nabob is still in y^{e}: Same [humer] he was, w^{n}: we writ you last, being kept warm by o^{r}: Phousdar & y^{e}: Phousdar of Maxadavad their Informations, who take all occasions to write (adding & aggravateing) complaints against us We had dependance on some small part of y^{e}: Anns Lading from Ballasore. But we are advised from thence y^{t}: y^{e}: goods there are stop'd by y^{e}: Rajah of the Country where the goods are made. The occasione as follows. The last yeare, y^{e}: Nabob of Dacca gott this Rajah into his hands and would not part wth: him under y^{e}: Ransome of three lacke of Rupees, w^{ch}: was at last agreed, and the s^{d}: Rajah leaves Hostages, and the Nabob Sent wth: him a Guard of his own Peons, who continue wth: him till he raise y^{e}: mony: Now is y^{e}: time, it Seems for one Paym^{t}: w^{ch}: is 60,000Rs. and he stopps all y^{e}: goods of his Country to raise y^{e}: mony upon y^{e}: poor people, w^{ch}: falls out at an ill Season for us.

The goods we have here, we want Sloops to carry down. The Madapollam haveing been cast aground and lain there ever Since y^{e}: 28th: Decem^{r}: till y^{e}: 11th: Inst: and now shee is off, is soe disabled, y^{t}: for the present is of no use, M^{r}: Herron & M^{r}: Scott went 23th: Decem^{r}: to carry down y^{e}: Ann, and y^{e}: Henry and W^{m}:, and wth: y^{e}: Good Hope, who is not returned yett. We were forced to Send y^{e}: Petre & Turmeric upon Boras, & Purgoes & must doe y^{e}: like wth: Some of our Bale goods too.

It was not possible y^{e}: Defence should have been dispatch^{t}: Sooner except Shee should have gone wth: her Quintelage, w^{ch}: would have been to no purpose.

M^{r}: Leg continues in very weake condition, M^{r}: Frenchfeild under great indisposition, all y^{e}: rest of y^{e}: factory in health. We are

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &^{ca}:
Your most humble Servants
JOHN BEARD.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RICH^{D}: FRENCHFEILD.
EDW: OXBOROUGH.

List of the Paquet by y^{e} Defence to ffort S^{t}: George.

1. Generall from Hugly to ffort S^{t}; George dat: 12 Jan: 1684/5.
2. Ship Defence Invoice for Ffort S^{t}: George dat: 10 Jan: 1684/5.
3. Ship Beaufort Invoice for Ffort S^{t}: George dat: 12 Jan: 1684/5.
4. Ship Resolution Invoice for Ffort S^{t}: George dat: from Ballasore 23 Dec: 1684/5
5. M^{r}: Beavis Rec^{t}: for 6 pes Canvas.
6. Ship Defences Bill of Lading.
7. List of y^{e}: Pacquett.
8. Acc^{t}: of Timber & Arrack Sent from Ballasore and is to be added unto the Hugly Invoice.

BALLASORE 3 JAN^{RY}: $16\frac{8}{8}\frac{4}{5}$.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQR:
PRESID^{T}: &^{A}: COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
R^{T} HON^{BLE}: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{A}:
ON Y^{E}: COAST OF CORMANDELL AND BAY BENGALL.

Gentelmen Salut.

We owe answers to M^{r}: Elihu Yale and Councell from y^{e}: ffort, off y^{e}: 13 October last, & too y^{e}: Presidents from aboard Ship Loyall Resolution of y^{e}: 23 Decemb^{r}: last.

By the first we noate y^{e}: arrivall of y^{e}: Sloop James y^{e}: error in y^{e}: Invoice we have Rectified as for y^{e}: goods we could have wished they had been better however its best as we say, to make y^{e}: best of a bad markett.

Our charges on y^e^: Sloop James, we have acounted w^th^: Hugly, as we must doe w^th^: all things, Since its soe, thô good by our Imployers the Ship Defence you will have heard of her arrivall, but w^n^: Shee Shall depart is yett unknowne, by reason of many Inconveniences we mett w^th^: in our affairs, Soe from y^e^: one, as from y^e^: other as for instance Since y^e^: Presid^ts^: departure, the great Roger of y^e^: woods here about now Stops all goods by reason he wants mony, and till these people have performed his desire, itt cannot be expected they will be cleared, w^ch^: Stopt hath and doth us great harme in o^r^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: afaires being on acc^t^: every dayes [. . .] affaires [. .] very [. . .] all [. . .] we cannot doe heare as we [could] but we must doe & doe as we can.

By y^e^: Presid^ts^: Letter we noate y^e^: reason y^e^: Cap^t^: would not signe y^e^: bills of lading by reason of y^e^: want of Receipt y^e^: goods being Short of in Such hast hath partly Occasioned itt of yett we want Receipt w^ch^: if we receive not wee Shall Send coppies of those we want out our coppy booke, w^th^: y^e^: markes and Numbers attested by us as long as we send goods in Purgos we must expect now & y^n^: a Receipt will be wanting we Shall prevent it w^t^: we can w^th^: the first oppertunity those we have shall be Sent to y^e^: ffort where we wish and hope his Hon^r^: will be arrived ere y^t^ to whome we jointly present our due Respects.

In answer to w^t^: we wrote to Agent & Councell att Hugly in ours dated 16 Decemb^r^: last by orders of y^e^: Presid^t^: concluding y^e^: not Signed of Cap^t^: Willshaws bills of Lading they answer us this in theirs off 23 Decemb^r^: 1684.

M^r^: Stables had all y^e^: Receipts of w^t^: goods shipt hence upon y^e^: Resolution except y^e^: goods by Ship Thomas, who went downe but three days before y^e^: President, y^e^: Master had order to inclose y^e^: receipt in a letter to M^r^: Stables, & leave itt aboard w^ch^: he did accordingly and give itt into M^r^: Willshaws hand, telling him w^t^: it was and came away peruseing his orders, and met y^e^: Presid^t^: y^e^: next day, just comeing into y^e^: Road, Soe y^t^: M^r^: Willshaw is to blame he did not deliver it. Inclosed Said bills of Lading Inclosed we Send y^e^: Invoices of goods Shipt aboard by us heare in y^e^: Ships Loyall Resolution and y^e^: Beaufort, those in the Beaufort are according to our acc^t^: & books whereon if the Cap^t^: Should make any exceptions we judge it most convenient he doth itt underneath his bills of Loading we haveing done w^t^: we could, in them to prevent mistakes, Viz^t^: for goods aboard the Loyall Resolution Capt Willshaw Rs. 33,672 ann^s^: 10 & 3 p^s^: goods aboard y^e^: Beaufort Cap^t^: Nicholson Rs. 1,34,546 ann^s^: 9, & 9 p^s^ likewise y^e^: Receipts as we have them are sent you herew^th^: of goods aboard Ship Beaufort.

which being the needfull [we call to mind . . at] present saying that we [subscri] be ourselves to be & Remaine.

Your ffriends and Servants

W^M^: Pittzhugh.
W^M^: Prickman.
Hen: Stanley.

The reason why we Send a [*lacuna* in the original.]

Porto Novo ffeb^ry^: 26: 16$\frac{84}{85}$.

To the R^t^: Hon^ble^: W^M^: Gyfford Esq^R^: Presid^t^: & Govern^R^: &^ca^: Councell In ffort S^t^: George.

Right Hon^ble^: S^r^: &^ca^:

Wee rec^d^: yo^rs^: of y^e^: 18^th^: instant accompanying y^e^: Pag^s^: 14000 and have delivered 10,000 thereof to y^e^: Merch^ts^: on acc^t^: of our Contract and shall buy goods propper for Sumatra w^th^: y^e^: Rem^r^: Tapees we find to be very deare, and worth as much here as they yeilded at Atcheen y^e^: Dutch having Employd all y^e^: Painters and giving great rates for them, Soe y^t^: in Soe Short time as o^r^ Occasions require can get none unless we pay [30] ℔ Cent more then bought them last yeare.

We shall urge the takeing of y^e^: Europe goods to the Merch^ts^: but much Suspect they will not comply w^th^: our desiers therein for the Compleating of it nor can we hope to prevaile w^th^: them in y^e^: respect being now called from y^e^ place, but must be recomended t^O^ those y^t^: Succeed.

M^r^: Ord thanks yo^r^: Hon^r^: &^ca^: for giving him any oppertunity wherein he may Shew his Zeale to y^e^: R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: Service, & shall repaire to y^e^: ffort, as soone as affaires here will ℔ mitt tho it will greatly incommode him, unless he hath some time allowed him to Settle his owne affaires, w^ch^: is w^t^: offers at ℔sent from

R^t^: Hon^ble^: S^r^: &^ca^:
Your most hum^ble^: Servants
RALPH ORD.
W^M^: CAWLEY.

CONIMEER, MARCH ℔ ^MO^ $16\frac{84}{85}$.

To Y^E^: HON^BLE^: W^M^: GYFFORD ESQ^R^:
PRESID^T^: &C^A^: COUNCELL IN FORT S^T^: GEORGE.

Hon^ble^: S^r^ &^ca^:

This serves only to accompany Sloop W^ms^: Invoice amo^t^: to Pag^s^: [*Lacuna in the original*] whome we dispatched last night, soe we remaine.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &^ca^:
Your most hum^ble^: Serv^ts^:
JOHN WILLCOX.
RICH^D^: MILTON.
BEN: BLOOME.

CONIMEERE, MARCH P^MO^: $16\frac{84}{85}$.

To Y^E^: HON^BLE^: W^M^: GYFFORD ESQ^R^:
PRESIDENT GOVERN^R^: &^CA^: COUNCELL IN FORT S^T^: GEORGE.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &^ca^:

Yours ℔ Ship Resolution we rec^d^: y^e^: 27^th^: Ult^o^: and according to y^r^ orders did immediatly dispatch away people to Stop all y^e^: Salt in these adjacencies, from whome we have rec^d^: advices y^t^: they have Secur'd it all for y^e^: Comp^as^: acc^t^: as soon as its measured of (in w^ch^: we shall use y^e^ greatest expedition, and are in hopes we shall quietly make an end of it) we shall immediatly ship it off and Soe accordingly dispatch her towards you again, y^e^: price begins to fall for its now Pag^s^: 3 ℔ garse whereas a small time agoe twas $3\frac{1}{2}$ & will now ever[y] day grow cheaper.

Ben: Bloome according to your [. . . .] has acc^t^ w^ch^: w^n^: finished and delivered up will take his passage upon y^e^: Resolution for Madras and their await yo^r^ further pleasure.

This comes by Sloop W^m^: who yesterday night arrived in this road, and whome today we have laden & dispatcht towards you her bill of Lading comes inclosed tomorrow her Invoice shall follow overland. We are

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &^ca^:
Your most humble Servants
JOHN WILLCOX.
RICH; MILTON.
BEN: BLOOME.

CODALOOR Y^E : 7^TH : MARCH $16\frac{84}{85}$

To THE HON^BLE : W^M : GYFFORD ESQ^R :
PRESID^T AND GOVERN^R :&^CA : COUNCELL.

Hon^ble : S^r : &^ca :

This Serves to advise you y^t : I have now dispatched towards you Sloope Gingerlee w^th : w^t : bales have in a readiness as by bill of Lading here inclosed, Invoice shall follow Speedily by land Sloope James is att Porto Novo landing y^e : Europe goods w^ch : will be dispatch'd from thence w^ch : w^th : the tender of my due respects is w^t at present offers from

Hon^ble : S^r : &^ca :
Your most hum^ble & obedient Serv^ts :
RALPH INGRAM.
[*Lacuna in the original.*]

CODALOOR 11^TH : MARCH $16\frac{84}{85}$.

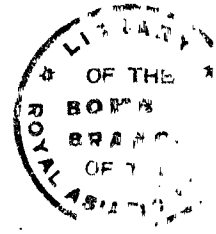
To Y^E : HON^BLE : W^M : GYFFORD ESQ^R :
PRESID^T : & GOVERN^R : &C^A : COUNCELL.

Hon^ble : S^r : &c^a :

Here inclosed you will receive Sloope Gingerlees Invoyce importing Pag^s 13520 : 6 : 3 w^ch : be pleased to pass to y^e : Creditt of this ffactory [. . . .] is at Porto Novo getting y^e : Pryamans goods in a readiness to Load upon y^e : James w^ch : is w^t : at ℔sent offers from

Your most obed^t : & hum^ble : Serv^t :
RALPH INGRAM.

CONIMEERE MARCH Y^E : 14^TH : $16\frac{84}{85}$.



To Y^E : HON^BLE : W^M : GYFFORD ESQ^R :
PRESID^T : [&] GOVERN^R : &C^A : COUNCELL IN FORT S^T : GEORGE.

Hon^ble : S^r : &c^a :

Having laden on board Ship Resolution Such Salt as Shee is able to take in, we have this day dispatch[t] her towards you w^th : said Cargo amo^t : to Pag^s : 246 : 5 : as ℔ Inclosed Invoice and bill of Lading, wherein we have used all possible care and expedition imaginable.

M^r : Bloome has made it his request, he having Some necessary affairs to dispatch here, w^ch : will take up Some time, that he might take his journey over land for Madras, we thought it convenient to gratifie his desires, soe he does not take his passage upon y^e : Ship. Your Gen^ll : of y^e : 9^th : March w^th : y^e : Pag^s : 10,000 we have rec^d : w^ch : Shall very Sudainly give answer to, in y^e : mean time we crave leave & respectfully Subscribe our Selves.

M^r : Bloome is gone to Codaloor.

Hon^ble : S^r : &c^a :
Your most humble Servants
JOHN WILLCOX.
RICH : MILTON.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM BRAMENYS SANGANA AND NARRANAPA FROM CONJEVERON TO THE HON^BLE : W^M : GYFFORD ESQ^R : GOVERN^R : DATED Y^E : MARCH $16\frac{84}{85}$.

We enjoy good health and shall be very glad to hear y^e : like from your Hon^r : w^n : y^e : Interlopers came first into this Country, your Hon^r : is sensible y^t : your people endeavoured to disapoynt y^m : from Settleing here, but w^n : y^e : Interlopers Ship Ran away from Covelon, they left one Jew named Rodrigez behind them, who came to S^t Thoma (w^th his concernes) [. . .] and [. . .] he proved treacherous to our [. . .] behaved himselfe un[ci]villy towards Ancapilla, he

Seized some of his Concernes and Sealed them up in a goedowne there, accquainting us wth : it w^{ch} : we advised Lingapa of, and he returned us for answer that the goods should not be releesed till he gave orders, w^{ch} : we advised S^{t} Thomas Avilder of Lingapa also advised us that he designed to give y^{e} : [S^{d} :] Rodrigez a Cowle so soon as he had ended the business wth : S^{t} : Thoma Havolder, and understand y^{t} : your Hon^{r} : hath entertained them in yo^{r} : towne gives him encouragem^{t} : and letts him quietly inhabit among you, and made him fetch those goods. The divan had Seized from S^{t} Thoma since he is yo^{r} : Hon^{rs} : Enemy and Lingapah ordered his goods to be Stopt I wonder your Hon^{r} should protect him, and can't tell how his Excellency Lingapa would resent it if it should come to his Ears, Yo^{r} : Hon^{r} : being an understanding ℔son we admire you should bring trouble upon yo^{r} : head, yo^{r} : Hon^{r}: may please to understand this is noe small business, therefore we desire you to consider of it and give us yo^{r} : answer we are also informed y^{t} : yo^{r} : Hon^{r} : hath threatned Some of y^{e} : Portugez inhabitants of S^{t} Thoma, and made them leave the towne, w^{ch} : w^{n} : the divan hear of they will be very angry, being they designe to encrease y^{t} : place we desire yo^{r} : Hon^{r} : to take the above written into yo^{r} : Serious Consideration, give us yo^{r} : answer & then accq^{t} : us of yo^{r} : Hon^{rs} health.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM RAGAVA PONTULO TO BERRY CHINNAVINCATADRY DATED MARCH $16\frac{84}{85}$.

I enjoy good health, and Shall be very glad to hear the same from you, formerly you Sent a Brameny to my Master Theamback Boosera to discourse him about Some business, Concerning w^{ch} : my Master wrote to Sambogee, and has now rec^{d} : his answer, w^{ch} : you may accquaint his Hon^{r} : of my Master ordered me to write you word of this, I desire you to accq^{t} : me of yo^{r} : health and command me of your Service.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER [FROM RAGAVA . . . PONTULO] TO PERRETOMBEE [MERCAUN].

The Dutch have their Settlements at Colain & [T]ang[n]ahpatam and between these two places their is a place named [Panooroo,] under w^{ch} : are four townes named Maumboalee [Annetangalee] Perevevaroo, and Villingam, at w^{ch} : Places Pepper Cinnaman, and Cardamums are procurable of round Pepper these places Produce 3 or 4 thousand Candys a year, & Trevangoode Raja told me y^{t} : at any of the aforementioned Places the English might Settle a ffactory, Some of his Chiefest officers told the King that he might Send for y^{e} : English att Callicut, to Settle there, to w^{ch} : he answered y^{m} : twas better to send for the Madrass English People, who were more powerfull, and if they would come he would grant them w^{t} : they should desier.

CONIMERO MARCH y^{e} 16TH : $16\frac{84}{85}$.

TO Y^{E} : HON^{BLE} W^{M} : GYFFORD ESQ^{R} :
PRESID^{T} : GOVER^{R} : &^{CA} : COUNCELL IN FORT S^{T} : GEORGE.

Hon^{ble} : S^{r} : &^{ca} .

Since the receipt of yours of y^{e} : 9th : in[s]t : we have rec^{d} : two l̃res : one from our Subidar and another from Amboje Pontulo, renewing their importunities to us for the loan of mony to Supply their present wants and necessitys, but wth : this difference that whereas before they desir'd Pag^{s} 2000, they now petition for 3000 representing y^{e} : great streights and exigencys they now lye under, w^{ch} : upon enquiry we find to be true, promising [u]s large returns of their help and civilitys, upon all occasions, if we will at y^{e} : push befriend them they are both by their letters & Agents exceeding importunate wth : us, w^{ch} : has been occasion of our ℔sent trespasse upon yo^{r}: resolutions, Viz^{t} : that you intend not to encourage any Such loans for the future and wth: out they will grant us a fortification, you will not gratifie their ℔sent necessitys for y^{e} : present, w^{ch} : has been duly

represented to them, & the reasonableness therof improved to the utmost of our capacitys but [. . .] arguments will not Suffice when pinching necessity Stand at the doore, Soe that we are forced to be [. . rude] to renew our petition to you in their behalf, not soe much in favour to them as upon our own acc^{ts}: we have now carried on our buildings very considerably and by 50 yards exceeded Harge Rajas Cowle, and by 20 Amboje Pontulos our walls for conveniency of Godowne roome much over toped w^{t}: ℔mitted in y^{e}: cowl, & y^{e}: Subidar w^{n}: here signified his dislike thereof, as being more than he could answer wth: Security to himselfe, Gopall Pundit his private enemy lying in wait to doe him a prejudice, but however to gratifie us he bid us goe on & finish our work, he would put noe Stop to it, we demanded his Cowle for o^{r} Security, but this he said he could not of his owne head grant us, as being contrary to Harge Raja's but did engage to us, that w^{n} he went up to Court, w^{ch}: would be in a Short time he would gett it confirmed to us from Harge Raja himselfe and desireing of us Pag^{s}: 100 he rec^{d}: it as an earnest of his promis on that acc^{t}: (this Pag^{s}: 100 was presented to Amboje Pontulo, w^{n}: the Cheife was at Tindivonam for the Subidar, and Amboje Pontulo not being able to effect our businesse w^{n}: he went to Chingie, return'd the mony to us againe and now upon y^{e}: Subidars coming down here twas given to him upon y^{e}: afores^{d}: acc^{t}: these kind promises & cheape to, has likewise made us presume to desire yo^{r}: favour towards them, they are now certainly in great want and to oblige them now things will goe on according to our desires, but to denie them in this their necessity may be of bad consequence to us, we have experience they know how to be crosse, and may doe us an injury at a distance w^{n}: we shall not be able to know from whence the blow comes, besides y^{e}: more ℔sent and immediate prejudice th[ey] may doe us by Sloping our buildings for y^{e}: 20 yards of ground more we have taken (w^{ch}: makes our buildings just 100 yards square) is not by their Cowle but their favour, and, if they should be crosse twill spoil y^{e}: whole designe of y^{e}: work we have ℔ticularly represented these [. . .] leave it to yo^{r} further consideration only [. . .] further it now oblidge them we are in very fair hopes of getting a Cowle from [loft] for our buildings, and then they can have noe hank upon us for the future but if not we shall ever be exposed to y^{e}: peevish humours of every little petty officer they shall sett upon us, we have presumed to be Something large upon y^{t}: Subject, that you might have a full acc^{t}: how our Case stands if you are pleased to gratifie them we desire it may be wth: all Speed, for y^{e}: Subidars wants being soe pressing, being dayly affronted by y^{e}: Maldars y^{t}: keep him prisoner for monys the kindness will be the greater, and [t]he more obliged to befriend the Comp^{as}: concerns, if you think 3000 be to much we will endeavour to content him wth: 2000 w^{ch}: we desire you will please to Send us, the 10,000 you Sent being reser^{d}: for our Merch^{ts}: and w^{ch}: we shall in a day or two deliver y^{m}: w^{n}: we deliver the mony we shall take sufficient Security for it, w^{t}: we desire being proffer'd and then Shall accquiant them wth: yo^{r}: resolutions, that you intend never more to encourage any such practicies for y^{e}: future, and y^{t}: this must be y^{e}: last they must ever expect from us.

You may please to dispatch a Sloop towards us, we having a Cargo of bales & Indigo ready for her, we have now dispatcht away your Peons that brought y^{e}: mony and Shall very Speedily give answer to yours of the 9th: ins^{t}: soe this being the needfull we Remaine

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Your most humble Servants

JOHN WILLCOX.
RICH: MILTON.
BEN: BLOOME.

PORTO NOVO MARCH Y^E : 19^TH 16$\frac{8}{8}\frac{4}{5}$.

To Y^E : HON^BLE : W^M : GYFFORD ESQ^R :
PRESID^T : & GOVERN^R : &C^A : COUNCELL IN FORT S^T : GEORGE.

Hon^ble : S^r : &^ca :

We have herew^th : dispatcht y^e : Sloop Royall James by whome we rec^d : the Europe goods as advised by her, and herew^th : enclosed have sent you y^e : Mas^trs Bill of Ladeing for 23 Bales w^ch are the remainder of the next [yeares] Investm^t : at this place, We have likewise enclosed Sent you y^e : Masters bill of Ladeing for 39 Bales of goods w^ch : are those we have bought for Priaman, and for 36 Bales of Europe goods as ℔ advice from M^r : Secretary by yo^r : Hon^r : &^ca : orders what further necessary shall advise yo^r : Hon^r : &^ca : of (and likewise) send the severall Invoyces) by M^r : Ord, who intends to Set forth from this place to morrow, w^ch : is w^t : offers at ℔sent from

Hon^ble : S^r : &^ca :
Your most humble Servants
RALPH ORD.
W^M : CAWLEY.

To Y^E : WORSP^LL : W^M : GYFFORD PRESID^T :
&C^A : COUNCELL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T :
HON^BLE : COMP^A : ON Y^E : COAST OF
CORMANDELL AND BAY OF BENGALLA.

Our last to you was under y^e : 30^th : x^ber : by a paire of yo^r : Corsetts return'd & since having rec^d : none, however knowing y^e : newes Lately arrived w^th : us will be acceptable, send y^e : bearers on purpose, w^th : one paper rec^d : from Persia, y^e : 25^th : past & severall others that came directly from Bussorah, by a Ship w^ch : we mett w^th : returning from Charles y^e : 2^d : & Asia, after we had dispatchd y^m y^e 2^d Instant, having wrote you at large of all occurrances Soe lately as ℔ inclosed Coppy, have y^e : less to add now, Since we have Sent from us y^e : East India Merch^t : y^e : 13 Jan^ry : w^ch : w^th : y^e : Charles & Asia we doubt not will save their passage, y^e : Nathaniel is Neere Laden, and beleive may be gone w^th : in 6 or 7 days, and more we fear we shall not be able to dispatch timely enough to secure theire Voyage home in y^e : Summer, after these in a very little time hope y^e : Cesar may follow, and next to her another to winter at Mauritius, w^ch : at ℔sent is designed for y^e : Barnardiston noe news o^f Say, & wish hee may be Stopt at Cadiz, M^r : Bendall who we left at Muscatt to looke after w^t : we saved out of the Ship wrack, w^n : they cast away y^e : Merch^ts : Delight, is here seemes to be weary of his Imploym^t : and willing to cleare himselfe in y^e : best manner he can, [and we] thinke shall gett, [provisions . . .] Such tearme[s] y^t : our R^t : Hon^ble : Mas^rs : may not in y^e : least be injured by any Such Concernes, but rather reape some advantage, Bombay is quiet but not Soe well Settled as could wish, w^ch : y^e : Presid^t : will take y^e : first oppertunity to doe soe soone as his affaires here will permitt him but haveing soe many ships lying upon us to dispose of to y^e : best advantage, will retard his repaireing thither soe soone as Intended, we are in expectation of a Couple a Ships from Europe dayly from some particular advices to y^e : Presid^t : y^e : Ships Nominated, are y^e : Dragon, & Prudent Mary, God Send them yearly, & if any thing comes worthy yo^r : knowledge shall forward it towards you by expresse, Noe Bengalla Shipping to our wounder yet arrived, y^e : Interloping Ship Bristoll sailed away hence early in Jan^ry : w^ch : beleive will be y^e : last will trouble us according to y^e : welcome acc^t : we have from home y^t : it was allmost Concluded on y^t : they would be of a Certaine, utterly overthrowne w^ch : God grant, y^t : y^r : Nations Creditt may be redeemed in these parts of y^e : world, otherwise we Shall be forced out here in a Short time, and loose soe brave Hon^ble : and adventagious a trade, to y^e : Kingdome, the french have Sent 3 Ships home

from hence, y^{e}: yeare, & y^{e}: Dutch are come to noe agreem^{t}: as yett wth: y^{e}: King of Persia, but are upon treaty, theire fleete consisting of 7 ships, Lying still there, and according to our advices y^{e}: King will never yeild to their proposalls, and they will be Constrained to wth: draw at last dishon^{blcy}: especially, if 2 or 3 Ships of ours goe thither as designe, notwth: standing theire threats to hinder us to Carry on the trade & protect y^{e}: Merch^{ts}: betwixt Persia and y^{s}: place, we can Say noe more, but beseech God to blesse y^{e}: Gene^{ll}: affaires every where, and wishing you health & pro[s]perity, in all undertakings, under yo^{r}: managem^{t}: Rest

Swally Marine 6: Feb^{ry}: $16\frac{8}{85}$.

Your affec^{t}: Friends & Serv^{ts}:
J. Child.
Fra: Day.
John Gladman.

Porto Novo y^{e}: 22^{d}: March $16\frac{8}{85}$.

To y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: W^{m}: Gyfford
Esq^{e}: Presid^{t} & Govern^{r} &c^{a}: Councell.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r} &c^{a}:

This Serves for covert for y^{e}: Purser of y^{e}: Princess his Bill of Lading for Twenty Seaven Bales, being goods for Priaman, y^{e}: w^{ch}: be pleased to land, and let them lye in y^{e}: Sunn for one day or two, for y^{e} are new and we feare they may Spoyle, if they should be forthwth: Shippd. The Invoyce comes over land by M^{r}: Ord, who setts out this night, and by whome we have writt what relates to y^{e}: place, and shall here add no more, y^{n}: y^{t}: we are

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your humble Servants.
Ralph Ord.
W^{m}: Cawley.

Metchlepatam y^{e}: 16 March $16\frac{8}{85}$.

To y^{e} Hon^{ble}: W^{m}: Gyfford Esq^{e}:
Presid^{t}: & Govern^{e}: of Fort S^{t}: George &c^{a}: Councell.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Yours of y^{e}: 27th: past month wth: Pag^{os}: 5000 came to hand y^{e}: 9th: Curr^{t}: we take notice you doe not designe Send mony towards y^{e}: paym^{t}: of any debts having much Shiping to provide for, but our Engagem^{ts} here, to Severall of y^{e}: Dutch Merch^{ts}: & Persians, will require y^{t}: and a much greater Sume haveing bought besides w^{t}: our owne Merch^{ts}: brought in, about 30,000 Pag^{s}: worth of goods, for w^{ch}: mony we are Continually [dunnd,] & must take Some care to give them Satisfaction y^{e}: Cheife of y^{e}: Dutch here is a monyd man, who has been discursd wth: by Rob^{t} Freeman for y^{e}: loane of Some and is willing thereto for y^{e} Summe of 10,000 Pag^{s}: upon yo^{r}: owne Bill to pay it againe in 3 months, wth: y^{e}: Interest of 1 ℔ Cent ℔ month, he cannot be ℔swaded to a greater sume [. . .] time, being bound for Batavia in y^{e} Month of September next, please to consider of this and returne us yo^{r} Speedy answer, we have offerd him our owne bill but y^{t}: he refuses.

Here is Considerable quantities of Cloth in this Towne proper for uErope, w^{ch}: may be ℔chased at reasonable Rates, had we mony to pay for it, our owne Merch^{ts}: too, we have good reason to beleive are well stockd, though they bring in not in, nor will not be ℔swaded to trust us further till Something Considerable is paid them of w^{t}: they have wth: allready; the Hon^{ble}: Presid^{t}: w^{n}: here promising y^{m}: a considerable Supply of mony Soone after he should gett y^{e}: ffort w^{ch}: they Confide in and expected a Complyance accordingly.

The 14 Currant the Sloop Speedwell arrived here w^th^: M^r^: Gryffith and M^r^: Ramsden, the Vessell is found incapable to ꝑforme a Voyage into y^e^: Bay w^th^: out repairing, therefore is y^s^: day dispatcht for Madapollam, whereafter fitted. She is designed to proceed the Voyage, in y^e^: meantime M^r^: Gryffith remains w^th^: us to awaite your orders, and M^r^: Ramsden is prepairing for an overland journey.

Our Doctor departed this life y^e^: 8^th^: Currant, Soe we have none now in this nor our Neighbour ffactory w^t^: ever occasion may Chance to happen, therefore humbly intreat you to Supply us; this day [came in] one of our peones from y^e^: Bay w^th^: y^e^ accomp^a^: Letter, noe news only y^e^: Ship Ann was dispatched thence richly laden for Europe. y^e^: 13 ffebruary w^ch^: is w^t^: offers at present from

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:
Your most humble & obed^t^: Servants.
R: Freeman.
Timothy Harris.
Sam^ll^: Swynoke.

Ballasore 18^th^ ffeb^ry^ $16\frac{84}{85}$.

To the Hon^ble^: y^e^: Presid^t^: W^m^:
Gyfford Esq^r^: Govern^r^: for coast
Cormandell and Bay of Bengall and Councill for y^e^:
R^t^: Hon^ble^: English East India Comp^a^:

Gentelman Salut.

Our last to you was on y^e^: 3 January $16\frac{84}{85}$ then advised w^t^: we knew needfull, Since w^ch^: time we having here peones of Metchlepatam left, we have thought it convenient to let you by this convaiance here from us, the Shipp Ann Sayled out this Road on y^e^: 14^th^: ditto being full laden y^e^: Sloops were forced to carry some bales Cotten yarne back, She could not take in and att Hugly are severall goods arrived from Decca, and Maulda came to late for y^e^: Ann, all w^ch^: will make well for next Shiping, Our Merch^ts^ here will not be brought to w^t^: y^e^: Presid^t^: proposed to y^m^: w^n^: they were w^th^ him att y^e^: point of Sand on last December in bringing y^m^: to make Soe many Sheres in makeing a joynt Stock amongst themselves, and they to answer the bad debts that may hapen alledgeing they cannot answer y^e^: one for the other in Such a case but for w^t^: each particular is intrusted w^th^: they will, and Since y^e^: Presid^t^'s departure insteade of furnishing us w^th^: goods after y^e^: remains should have been brought in by them we have not been able to bring them too letting us have our remaines but have been forced at last to take such goods as we could gett, are not these sad People to make such fare promises and [s]o slight perfermances for other afayres we referr you to Agent and Councell att Hugly, wherew^th^: concluding for the ꝑsent Saving that we Subscribe our Selves to be and Remaine

Your friends and Servants
W^m^: ffittz Hugh.
W^m^: Prickman.
Hen: Stanley.

The inclosed Mores letter is to the Presid^t^: of y^e^: Kings Buxee our onely friend we have here of that sort if itt would please his Hon^r^: att any tyme to let him have a line or two in answer itt bee very acceptable to said partie.

W. F.
W. P.
H. S.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM MAHOMED FAZELL BACKSHEE, FROM BALLASORE TO THE HONᴮᴸᴱ: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQᴿ: GOVERNᴿ:

I enjoy good health and shall be very glad to hear the like from yoʳ: Honʳ: Since your Honʳˢ: departure from these parts, I have not heard from you but am every day in expectation to be satisfied of yoʳ: safe arrivall a[t] Madras. I am a man yᵗ: allways wishes yoʳ: Honʳˢ: health and yᵗ: you may encrease in Honʳ: and Riches is my dayly Supplications to yᵉ: Almighty, & any thing yᵗ: lyes in my Power your Honʳ: may assure your Selfe I shall be Serviceable in wⁿ: Soever I may be so happy as to receive your Commands.

Rᵗ: Honoured Sʳ: & Respective Councell.

With little accomodation some trouble and noe small danger I came ashoare yᵉ 15ᵗʰ instant about two afternoone Laus deo.

Two not much Significant pumpes to be in perpetuall motion are such notes yᵗ: create rather horror yⁿ: harmony especially on a small, old, rotten, leaky bottome.

The [Master] promiseth to have her repayred, declares yᵗ: otherwaise he will not adventure,

In case she shall be made tyte I purpose (God willing) to proceed otherwise esteeme it not onely imprudence, but presumption to embarque; am certaine none but one yᵗ: is necessitous or desperate would be Soe adventurous, I am not (blessed be God) reduced as yett to either of those extreams but am impatient to be in yᵉ: Bay to wᶜʰ: desired place hope your Honʳ: will consider of and provide a speedy transportation for

Honᵇˡᵉ: Sʳ & Respective Councell
Your humᵇˡᵉ: Obsequious Servant

MATCHLEPᴬ: MARCH 15ᵀᴴ: $16\frac{84}{85}$. SAMᴸᴸ: GRIFFITH.

PETTIPOLLEE MARCH 25ᵀᴴ: 1685.

TO Yᴱ: HONᴮᴸᴱ: Wᴹ: GYFFORD ESQᴿ:
PRESIDᵀ; OF FORT Sᵀ: GEORGE
COAST OF CORMONDELL GINGERLY
BAY OF BENGALA & ORIXA &cᴬ: RESPĒCTᴰ: COUNCELL.

Honᵇˡᵉ: Sʳ: &cᵗᵃ:

We have rēcᵈ: yoʳˢ: of yᵉ: 25 Feᵇʸ: the 4ᵗʰ: Instant to wᶜʰ: had given answer long before now but was daily expecting Mʳ: Northy who arrived here yᵉ: 21ˢᵗ: Instant to whom the Chief delivered up the Charge of this ffactory & is now setting out wᵗʰ: Mʳ; Shales and Mʳ: Stubbs for their journey to yᵉ; ffort according to yoʳ: orders in the above mentioned Letter.

We are very glad that the Boat wᵗʰ: our goods arrived time enough to goe home wᵗʰ; this Years Shipping, and hope will give content to our Honᵇˡᵉ: Masters, having taken the best care wee were able, that none should goe home but good goods, and those thatt fell short of Muster were turned out.

We often tould our Merchᵗˢ: that they were not so oblig'd to yᵉ number of peices as they were to yᵉ: bringing in of goods to yᵉ: amount of their contract and that their Cloth wa[s] to be as good as the[y] had Muster, wᵗ: brought in Short was of noe use to yᵉ: Honᵇˡᵉ: Compᵃ: but a hindrance of their business.

We have heard as that yᵉ: Merchᵗˢ: has had formerly some trading wᵗʰ: yᵉ: Interlopers, but can gett noe certaine proofe of yᵉ: same and wⁿ: the[y] brought in yᵉ: Cloth wᶜʰ: had yᵉ: Interlopers marke upon it we then taxed yᵐ: of trading wᵗʰ: yᵉ: Interlopers, but they denyed any such thing and yᵗ: their ffactors bought this Cloth in yᵉ: Country and did not know wᵗ: Cloth it was, but we told them this could not be that they should be ignorant wᵗ: Cloth it was.

As for y^{e}: Curtains we hope they will turne to Acc^{t}; having bought them at a very reasonable price.

We have now made up acc^{ts}: wth: our Merch^{ts}: and have given them a Bill for their mony due to them from y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: the Ballance of their acc^{ts}: being Pag^{s}: 17197: 14: 5: we use our endeavours to evade giving them a Bill for y^{e} Same but y^{ey}: pressing hard upon us for one, and nothing else would content y^{m}:, we was at last oblidged to gratifye y^{m}: accordingly.

We have had a long and tedious discourse wth: our Merch^{ts}: about their going to y^{e}: Fort, and att first they possitively refused to go, but att last we gott them to promise us faithfully, y^{t}: they would come and answer all complaints y^{t}: should be made against them, but they could not go now, having not as yett made up their acc^{ts}: amongst themselves but would be att y^{e}: ffort in 20 days after the arrivall of y^{e}: Cheife &^{a} there.

Herewth: comes our Consultations Diary, and Accopt Cash for y^{e}: Month of Feb^{ry}: and the Consultations and Diary to this day wth: a letter from Hydra Cawn this Towne Govern^{r}: to y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Presid^{t}: this being w^{t}: offers att ℔ sent till it shall please God we arrive at y^{e}: Fort, till when we Remaine

Honble S^{r}: &^{ca}:
Your most obedient Servants
JOHN LITTLETON.
W^{M}: SHALES.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM HYDER CAWNE BEAGUE FROM PETTIPOLEE TO Y^{E}: HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: & GOVERNOUR.

I enjoy good health and Shall be very glad to hear yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: doth y^{e}: Same, Since you departed from this place, I have not heard of your arrivall att ffort S^{t}: George, w^{ch} I am dayly in expectation of, my ambition reaching noe higher then y^{e}: Hon^{r}: of yo^{r}: frindp^{e}: and to receive yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: Commands for any thing wherein I may be Serviceable in these parts, w^{ch}: will be to my great Sattisfaction.

COODALORE, APRILL Y^{E}: 2^{D}: 1685.

To Y^{E} HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD,
ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: &^{CA}: COUNCELL ATT FORT S^{T} GEORGE.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &^{ca}:-

We have rec^{d} yours of y^{e}: 9th: and 24th: past, the former by M^{r}: Davis accompanyed wth: Pag^{s}: 5000 y^{e}: 28 ditto, the l[a]tter y^{e}: 1st: Ins^{t}:, to w^{ch}: Shall now respectfully reply.

We shall according to order w^{n}: it shall please God to arrive any of y^{e}: Ships expected at Porto Novo fill up yo^{r} blanck orders, & dispatch y^{m}: towards you if y^{e}: Coast be cleare of Interlopers, if not waite your farther orders.

ffor w^{t}: Goods and Treasure Consigned by you to Porto Novo in M^{r}:. Davis his absence Creditt your acc^{t}: Currant for, and Charge them therewith.

The fine Sallampores N^{o}: 17 upon y^{e}: Merch^{ts}: request were ordered to be delivered y^{m}: againe, and ordinary Goods to be brought in, in lieu thereof.

We now remitt you acc^{t}: Curr^{t}: ffort S^{t}: George, & our Merch^{ts}: acc^{t}: Currant, by w^{ch}: you will finde how acc^{ts}: stand wth: us, w^{t}: we have Received Short of our Investm^{t}:, w^{ch}: Judge may am^{t}: to Pag^{s}: 80000 is now in a readiness for Sorting & embaleing, w^{ch}: rec^{d}: wth: w^{t}: allready indebted to them, we shall then be indebted about Pag^{s} 23212: 17 :—They have been mighty pressing wth: us for mony to Satisfie theire debts (w^{ch}: they were forced to contract to Compleate our Investm^{t}: y^{e}: greatest part of y^{e}: Europe goods we sold y^{m}: being [u]ndisposed of)

w^ch^: told them we could not at present accomodate them w^th^:, but as soon as our Investm^t^: was concluded, if it did not stand w^th^ theire convenyency to lett w^t^: we should be indebted to y^m^: remaine in the Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: hand as Interest (w^ch^: Should esteeme as a good peece of Service in regard of Supplying us w^th^: soe Considerable a quantity of goods before hand w^ch^: would help to fill up the Ships to be dispatched in September) we would then write to you for mony to even acc^ts^: w^th^: them, w^th^: w^ch^: they were pretty well satisfied but most earnestly entreated us to write to you for Pag^s^: 5000 to pay of some of theire Creditors they were Continually troubled w^th^: w^ch^: promised them we would doe and most humbly intreate you will please to Supply us therew^th^:

Wee have w^th^: a great deale of ꝑswasion obliged y^m^ to provide to y^e^: amo^t^: of Pag^s^: 5000 in ordinary goods more y^n^: Contracted w^th^: y^m^: before, w^ch^: are to be delivered by y^e^: fine Instant, w^ch^: they were very averse to, the Manilha Ships having advanced to y^e^: Merch^ts^: & Weavers Considerable Sumes of mony for those Sorts of goods, w^ch^: hath caused a Scarcity, & y^e^: price to rise, upon w^ch^: acc^t^: advanced to y^m^: Pag^s^: 4500; the other Pag^os^: 500 disbursed for this & Porto Novo ffactory Expences & mony paid y^e^: Washers, being out of Cash before M^r^: Davis arrived, as we now are againe, therefore humbly entreate you will please to supply us w^th^: mony.

ffor affaires at Porto Novo, can give you little acco^t^: more y^n^: y^t^: all y^e^: Europe goods lyes undisposed of, though for w^t^: reason know not, (w^ch^: ought to have been y^e^: care of those y^t^: had y^e^: managm^t^: of y^e^: Investm^t^: to have obliged y^e^: Merch^ts^: to have taken off, & though we had noe Europe goods at that time, yett to have obliged y^m^: by contract to have taken of proportionable to their Investm^ts^: w^n^: we shall have a supply thereof, w^ch^: Judge will not be wanting by these Ships) not having yett had tho ꝑusall of Transactions there (w^ch^: have Sent for) w^ch^: done shall advise, y^e^ needfull, We desire you will please to order to w^t^: amount we shall disburse in building at Porto Novo (y^e^: ground lying open on one side) y^e^: ꝑsent accomodation being one Roome and a Godowne, soe y^t^; we are forced to be at y^e^: charge of hyring another house.

We doe not remember y^t^: at any time our Invoyces were sent in blanke paper, and shall take care for y^e^: future y^t^: it be not soe. As for y^e^: ill Cureing y^e^: goods att Porto Novo,' tis very true they were very bad, but we never Saw y^m^: till they came to Sorting, w^n^: often Complayned but was then too late to remedy it, without we should have Sent y^m^: to washing againe, w^ch^: y^e^: shortness of time would not admitt of, and ought to have been y^e^: care of those that were Resident to have looked better after it, w^ch^: shall order all possible care be taken that they be better done for y^e^ future, The paper have rec^d^ for w^ch^: Shall Creditt you, w^n^: know it's amo^t^: We desire you will please to order D^r^: Grudgfield to assist in our writeing business, and please to consider him as you shall Judge him diserving w^ch^: is w^t^: needfull at ꝑsent from

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:
Your most humble Servants
Jn^o^: Davis.
Ralph Ingram.

P.S.—Wee forward you the Sloope Royall James Invoyce for goods laden from Porto Novo dated the 18^th^: past Idem.
J.D.
R.I.

Conimere April the 7^th^: 1685.

To y^e^: Hon^ble^: W^m^: Gyfford Esq^r^:
Presid^t^: &c^a^: Councell in Fort S^t^: George.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &^ca^:

Yo^r^: two Gen^lls^: of y^e^: 9^th^: & 26^th^: ult^o^: we shall now respectfully give answer to.

Wee have been upon all manner of tryalls for y^e^ : well curing & dressing of fflax, and hope we have hitt upon y^e^ : right att last, for tying it up in Small bundles, we [lay itt in] runing water, we have Some y^t^ : has thus layen for above y^s^ : 10 days, and find itt still keeps its strength, is more plyant and becomes much softer : w^ch^ : is the way y^t^ must prepare and make it fitt for dressing for we find by experience, w^th^ : out y^e^ : fflax is well cured & Softened, y^e^ : cloth y^t^ : is made of it will never turn white, Our Merch^ts^ : have promised to provide 2 bales. of it we now Send you y^e^ : fine p^s^ : that was upon y^e^ : loom.

Twas but yesterday before we could perswade our Merch^ts^ : to come to any reasonable accommodation w^th^ : us about y^e^ : new contract, you orderd us to proceed upon for finding y^e^ : Pag^s^ : 10,000 you were pleased to send was upon a new acc^t^ : & not to pay of our old debts, all our reason and argum^ts^ : could not in y^e^ : least prevail w^th^ : them, Soe obstinatly resolved they were not to engage upon any new Investm^t^ :, till we had cleared our debts w^th^ : them, urging to us y^t^ : they had taken up Pag^s^ : 30,000 upon Interest, and had provided goods therew^th^ : for y^e^ : Comp^a^ :, to help them in their necessity and y^t^ : we had possitively assur'd y^m^ : w^n^ : y^e^ : President came from the Bay they Should be reimbursd again y^t^ : now their Creditors were as clamorous w^th^ : y^m^ :, they having given them the same promises, y^t^ : now his Hon^r^ : was returnd and how did we keep our words, for twas upon that they depended, and had given theirs to their Creditors, and now had deceived them 'twould be an inreparable disgrace to y^m^ :, and none would ever trust them more w^th^ : many more words to this purpose w^ch^ : has been y^e^ : occasion why this businesse could not be finished before, neither could we have prevail'd w^th^ : them now at last, had not y^e^ : Cheife engaged his word to them, y^t^ : w^n^ : he went to Madrass he would appear very Stirring in their behalf and use his utmost endeavours to gett Something for them, we have contracted w^th^ : y^m^ : now for Pag^s^ : 30,000 to be brought in by y^e^ : end of June, 20 Candy of Cotton Yarne is all we could gett of them, & considering their present humour we were glad we could gett that, we have now made up our acco^ts^ : w^th^ : them, and doe find upon y^e^ : ballance thereof, that we are indebted to y^m^ : Pag^s^ : 30,000 : principall; there is yett a dispute between us about y^e^ : Corall for y^ey^ : will not yeild to us, that y^e^ : Same Sort as theirs, was sold at Madrass for Pag^s^ : 86 ℔ md : tho we assured y^m^ : we had it in a Gen^ll^ : from thence, therefore they desire it may remain as it is at ℔sent till farther advices may be had from y^e^ : ffort, about it according to w^ch^ : they have promised to govern themselves and will comply accordingly.

Wee have now 178 bales in our Godown besides 50 Candy of Indigo, y^e^ : conclusion of our old Investm^t^ : but as yett the Jengerly does not appear we are preparing Chunam w^ch^ : Shall await your orders.

The bill for y^e^ : former Pag^s^ : 1,000 we lent Vitulapille is now discharged and delivered up to him, & according to yo^r^ : orders & directions have Sent up y^e^ : Pag^s^ : 1,000 you lately sent us, Ambose Pontul[o] came down hither to receive it, & is very much dissatisfied it is noe more, all we could say to content him, being hardly Sufficient, upon his pressing & earnest intreatie & y^e^ : Chiefe has promised to adventure to Speake in his behalfe w^n^ : he comes to y^e^ : Fort, we Shall take sufficient care to Secure the mony.

Tho our endeavours have been unsuccesfull in y^e^ procury of Cinnamon plants, yet in y^e^ : pursuit thereof we have mett w^th^ : Some Clove Seeds w^ch^ : by a private hand we got from y^e^ : Dutch, we have prepared earth for y^m^ : and put y^m^ : into Pott and given a s[t]ritt charge about y^m^ : and have hopes they will grow Soe this being the needfull we respectfully conclude these remaining

Hon^ble^ : S^r^ : &^ca^ :
Your most humble Servants
JOHN WILLCOX.
RICH^D^ : MILTON.

VIZAGAP^{M} : MARCH 25TH : 1685.

To Y^{E} : HON^{BLE}: W^{M} : GYFFORD ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T} : & GOVERN^{R} : &C^{A} : COUNCELL.

Hon^{ble} : S^{r} : &^{ca} :

Since the dispatch of a Gra^{ll} from hence of y^{e} : 5th : ffeb^{ry} : we have reĉd yo^{s} : dated y^{e} : 27th : ffeb^{ry} : and 9th March on y^{e} : 15th : & 27th : instant as also the 10,000 Pag^{os} : by yo^{r} : 10 Peons and Shall Creditt yo^{r} : acc^{t} : for y^{e} : Same, give the needfull answer to yo^{r} : letters and advice y^{e} : ℘sent posture of affaires here, have Summoned our Merch^{ts} : to make their appearence to receave your orders for y^{e} : present Investm^{t} : wth : upon their comeing (they being most returned to their habitaĉons in y^{e} : Country) Shall be strictly given them in Charge, and our best endeavours imploy'd to furnish an early Carg^{o} : in y^{e} : Sortm^{t} : & Species required our dubass about a month agoe left this Place and in his way to Madapollam ℘vailed wth : y^{e} : Syler to imbarque Some of our goods in his Governm^{t} : on Some frivolous pretences he put into his head w^{ch} have since cleared, and he confessed to be y^{e} : occasion, we were very unwilling to have discharged him but after a 6 mo^{s} : warning & tryall, found our affaires must not be carryed on unless wholy Subjected to his humor & fancy, and he play'd many tricks to impede last year's business that should not be soe Rash or indiscreet to be lyable to y^{e} : like againe nor indeede have I Resolution Sufficient to manage soe notorious a Villaine under Soe daingerous a Governm^{t} : and in soe troublesome a Country, in our Consultaĉon of y^{e} : 11th : December y^{e} : reasons for dischargeing him are sett downe but since his departure hence are informed of many men of his Rogueirs know not w^{t} : assurances or Security he can possibly give for his future good behaviour, this is certaine we can never be Satisfied of his fidelity or integrity therefore hope you will please to approve our choyce of one whome we can ingage will doe the Comp^{a} : eminent good Service and wth : Satisfaction & [cherfulness] promis our Selves Success in our negotiations, M^{r} : Ramsdens debt have fully Secur'd and shall give him Creditt in our books and doubt not but yo^{r} : late favour to him will engage him to be y^{e} : more dilligent to deserve y^{e} : same, his Excellency's Mother lately came to our Towne in her way to Golcondah whome carresed in a very extraordinary manner and ℘sented her wth : Some few trifles w^{ch} : Soe highly obliged the Old Lady y^{t} : She adopted me her Son, wrote to his Excellency for her sake to favour our buisness, and has promised to procure some thing in our favour from Golcondah w^{ch} : is y^{e} : needfull worthy notice from

HON^{ble} : S^{r} : &C^{a} :
Your obedient hum^{ble} : Servant
RICH^{D} : BROWNE.

TRANSLATE OF A COWLE GIVEN BY LELAW MAHA RAJA ORUMKEY OF SYLLABAR TO THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCELL OF FORT ST : GEORGE IN THE BEHALFE OF THE HON^{BLE} : ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY.

I give this Cowle wth : my free Consent, y^{t} : y^{e} : Hon^{ble} : English East India Comp^{a} : may freely Settle in y^{e} : Country of Sillabar; I was comeing downe to Priaman but in y^{e} : way thither, I mett wth : your Ship Amoy Merch^{t} : w^{n} : the Cap^{t} : and my Selfe had discourced togeather, we went to Sillabar, and after our arrivall there, y^{e} : Cap^{t} : and my Selfe discourced about y^{e} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : making a Settlem^{t} : there, w^{ch} : if in case they Should doe, I promise and engage by this my Cowle y^{t} : all the Pepper that is procured in this Country, Shall be sold to them, provided they send their Ships in four months tyme, otherwyse I shall dispose of it to the Dutch, there was another Ship here belonging to y^{e} : English y^{e} : Commanders name M^{r} : Jonothan Andrews who I gave my Cowle to in y^{e} : Same manner, and he made me give him my oath y^{t} : I would not Stir from Sillabar till his returne w^{ch} : he gave me his oath Should be in y^{e} : time limitted your Hon^{r} : may please to understand y^{t} : all the Pepper that these parts formerly produced

was sold to y^{e}: Dutch, but Bantam being lost, I came to live in Sillabar, and all y^{e}: Pepper that is procurable in these parts now, I engage by this my Cowle shall be Sold to y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: English East India Company I further desire that your Hon^{r}: would Send four or five Ships this Moonsoone, all the Commoditys the Country affords being att your Command; and the trade of the Country besides but if yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: Should not come wth: in the tyme limmitted, the Dutch being Soe powerfull in these parts, will goe away wth: y^{e}: trade yoer Hon^{r}: need not doubt but that this trade will prove to yo^{r}: advantage, therefore faile not to Send yo^{r}: Shipps this Moonsoone.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM BRAMENY LINGAPAH FROM SEREPE TO Y^{E}: HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: DATED APRILL 1684.

Theamback Booseras People desires to live in yo^{r}: towne to Procure Elephants and y^{t}: they may have their Warehouses there, to keep their trade in w^{ch}: is y^{e}: Cheife occasion of my troubleing you att present, and y^{t}: your Hon^{r}: would please to lett them have a ℔^{s}: of ground, and assist them in building as also (they being trading People), in w^{t}: business they may desire your furtherance, Theamback Boosera and myselfe being great friends, also your Hon^{r}: and I having noe differrence, makes me presume to trouble you in desiring this favour from you w^{ch}: will very much rejoyce me to hear they are well settled, Soe I desire y^{e}: Continuance of yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: love, and y^{t}: you would often accq^{t}: me wth: y^{e}: news of yo^{r}: good health.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM THEAMBACK BOOSERA TO THE HON^{BLE}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: DATED APRILL 1685.

I enjoy good health, & shall rejoyce to hear y^{e}: like from yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: [formerly I] sent one of my Servants named Mahamunde Culle Beague, to desire yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: would please to admit my People to come & Inhabitt in yo^{r}: towne, to have a house and make their trade there, w^{ch}: they accquinted me your Hon^{r}: promised to grant & Shewed y^{m}: a great deale of favour, w^{ch}: I doubt'd not of, in y^{e}: least his Excellency Lingapa being Commander in Cheife of y^{e}: Carnatta Country, & both yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: & my great friend, I thought convenient to write to him about it, w^{ch}: I did, & he hath in my behalfe wrote to yo^{r} Hon^{r}: w^{ch} comes inclosed herein, I desire your Hon^{r}: to keep yo^{r}: love towards me, and lett my People have a house in y^{e} middle of your towne, other matters you will be accquinted wth: from Chynavincatadry, Moda Verona, & my Servant, So I desire yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: to keep yo^{r}: love towards me, and Command me in yo^{r}: Service.

HUGLY 25 FEBRUARY 16$\frac{84}{85}$.

To Y^{E}: HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: GOVER^{R}: OF FORT ST. GEORGE & CITTY OF MADRASSE PRESID^{T}: &C^{A}: COUNCELL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HON^{BLE}: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{A}: ON THE COAST OF CORMANDEL BAY OF BENGALL &^{CA}:

Most Honrd: S^{rs}:

Ours to yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &^{ca}: was y^{e}: 6th: & 10th: Inst^{t}: by the Sloop Thomas, Henry Wheadon Master, Since w^{ch}: we have advice from Ballasore (w^{ch}: came to hand last night) y^{t}: y^{e}: Shipp Eagle arrived, y^{e}: 18th: Inst: The Agent reced a letter from Cap^{t}: John Bonnell, in generall acquinting him, that he had an unfortunate Voyage, lost 32 Men, and is in ill condition, desireing to know w^{n}: we shall dispatch him, which considering we can have no Prospect of, in our Circumstances, and also y^{e}: great difficulties of getting Provision off from Ballasore &^{ca}: we have proposed to him, and advised his comeing into y^{e}: River (order him we cannot).

2. There is come upon y^e^ : S^d^ : Ship but twenty one Chests of Ryalls, & one Chest of Gold, w^ch^ : will not amount to So much as we sent in Gold to the Fort, by y^e^ : Resolution, So y^t^ : this mony will but pay for w^t^ : goods were sent upon y^e^ : Ann, and Henry & W^m^ : and those y^t^ : came from Dacca & Maulda, w^ch^ : are about 180 Chest, & came too late from those places to be Ship'd this Monsoon.

3. Wee perceive, by a letter from S^r^ : Josiah Child to y^e^ : Agent, that y^e^ : Eagle departed not from England till May last, being driven back to Plimouth. We have a short letter from y^e^ : Hon^ble^ : y^e^ : Govern^r^ : &^ca^ : a Coppie of w^ch^ : we herew^th^ ; Send, together w^th^ : w^t^ letters came for yo^r^ : parts.

4. Wee shall give yo^r^ : Hon^r^ : &^ca^ : a briefe acc^t^ : of y^e^ : present state of y^e^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ : affaires here with respect to y^e^ : next Moonsoon.

The November Bund for Silk is lost for want of Mony to give out this is y^e^ : time to give out for March Bund, w^ch^ : also will be lost for y^e^ same Reason.

5. Besides, at this time of y^e^ : year, there use to be Mony given out in all ffactoryes, for Cloth to come in, in 9ber, to be sorted & embaled, for w^ch^ : we have not any mony now to give out.

6. Soe y^t^ : there being three large Ships, Viz^t^ : y^e^ : Defence, Resolution & y^e^ : Eagle, to be provided for, w^ch^ : can't be till mony arrive by y^e^ : next Shipping, w^ch^ : 'tis probable will be soe late, y^t^ : it can't be coyn'd in time to give out for goods, for besides y^e^ : continuall troubles & Stopps on y^e^ : Mint, the [y] are such a delotary People, y^t^ : w^n^ : they have our treasure in itt allways comes to [slowly] out, y^t^ : we can have noe certain dependance upon them, and Sell y^e^ : Treasure we sent w^th^ : out great losse. At best, a great part of y^e^ : mony that comes upon next Shipping (which 'tis like may be four or five to y^e^ Coast & [. . .] but provide those that are already here, Soe y^t^ : instead of a double stock to make time [ly] Provision and have goods att hand to Send away y^e^ : Ships in time, we have double Shipps for our Stocks, w^ch^ : [causes] affairs to drive heavily, & can be noe comfort to our minds, all y^t^ : can be Said is, that there is a great Sum of Mony at Cassimbuzar, but on y^t^ : we can't have noe dependance, it being in y^e^ hand of Merch^ts^ :, Picars & Weavors, out of whose hands, tis [like] to be a great while ere wee can gett it.

7. Wherefore We beseech your Hon^r^ : &^ca^ : to lett us know, whether you intend either y^e^ Defence or Resolution, to returne to us to take in our Remains, & be fill'd up w^th^ : w^t^ : we can procure, or whether your Hon^r^ : &^ca^ : will provide for S^d^ : Shipps, and we shall load y^e^ : Eagle here. Whatever of y^e^ : Ships shall arrive this year these three w^th^ : y^e^ : Syam Merch^t^ : must be dispatch'd next Moonsoon, their time expireing in January next, and we can't foresee y^t^ : we shall be able to load above one large & one small Ship from hence at the utmost.

8. By our last we advis'd yo^r^ : Hon^r^ : &^ca^ : we had hopes, y^t^ : the troubles at Cassimbuzar would soon blow over, y^e^ : Nabob accepting our Present, But his Expectations are so great from those Villains, he and his officers haveing been promised (as we hear) y^e^ : greatest part of it, y^t^ : he will not hear our Complaint, but insists upon our paying y^e^ : 43,000 Rups : y^e^ : forgiveing the 150,000 Rs : in their hands. They are still beseidged att Cassimbuzar, & from y^t^ : Example, now in other Factories they begin to appeal to y^e^ : Cozzee, in every thing, Small and great, w^ch^ dreadfull effect of y^e^ : late Agents not onely abetting and incourageing y^e^ : Merch^ts^ &^ca^ : at Cassimbuzar, but actually here putting Controversies into y^e^ : Governors hands, is Such, y^t^ : we cant Sell a Slave or correct a Servant, but they goe to y^e^ Governours w^th^ : Complaints, who Summon us to appear, as in a Case w^th^ : us, about selling a Slave, this week.

9. Wee are indeavouring our utmost by all means to reduce things leaving nothing undone for y^e^ : accomplishing it, except in yielding to M^r^ : Charnocks going to Dacca, and the payment of y^e^ : 43,000 Rs : w^ch^ : is that w^ch^ : is insisted on by the Nabob.

10. Our troubles hath another ill effect, under w^ch^ : we labour, Viz^t^ : our Creditors at Cassimbuzar, & other Factories importuning for their Mony, w^ch^ : is near six Lack of Rup^s^ : without payment of w^ch^ : 'tis Impossible we can withdraw our Factories aloft, & are more and more confirmed, y^t^ : its not to be done att

all, wth: out y^{e}: leave & assistance of y^{e}: Governors and their People, as they by experience now find, y^{t}: made it an easy mater in the discourse on that Subject. Before we can withdraw we must pay all our debts, and sett things right w^{t}: ever it cost, & if wth: draw, w^{t}: ever it cost must be putt to acc^{t}: of oppression & wrong, and they must be reckoned wth: for it hereafter.

11. Wee cant but represent to you, y^{e}: great & vast trouble & Injury that hath redounded to y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: and us, by y^{e}: Riotts committed att Ballasore, Soe y^{t}: after all Indeavours besides great Presents, nothing will doe, but a writeing, under y^{e}: Agents hand, y^{t}: no such thing shall be for y^{e}: future, & if it be, y^{t}: y^{e}: Agent shall ingage, under his Chaup, to make Satisfaction, w^{ch}: to doe, is to run as high as they please themselves, being Judges of y^{e} Satisfaction w^{ch}: is to be made.

12. These are things y^{t}: fall upon us by y^{e}: Pride & folly of Such Comanders of Ships, as have been lately here, whose constant discourse is to lessen y^{e}: Hon^{blo} Comp^{a}: and their Servants to y^{t}: heigth that 'tis intolerable to be borne.

13. Wee beseech you, represent these things home for if y^{e}: Capt^{ns}: doe not carry themselves better, and govern their men att another rate, if all things else were well, yett there will be no liveing in this Country.

14. If these pittifull Mercenary men have not their wills in every thing, 'tis presently, they will doe our buisnes at home, we are in fine case, if every Capt^{n}: [y^{t}: is ignorant enough except in his own conceit] shall take upon him to judge of y^{e}: Actions, and y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: affairs under y^{e}: Conduct of their Servant here, But to y^{t}: height are y^{e}: grown, y^{t}: they doe not onely censure their Serv^{ts}: in India at their pleasure, but reflect upon y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Govern^{r}: & Comp^{a}: and their management of Affairs, of which sort you have some wth: you, which wee shall not name.

15. If in y^{e}: Charter parties there may be somew^{t}: inserted, that may oblige y^{e}: Cap^{ts}: to govern their men better, and to pay y^{e}: damage of what may fall on y^{e} Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: upon y^{e}: Riotts & Misdemeanours of their Men, 'twill be well.

16. The Defence was dispatched from Ballasore London y^{e}: 4th Inst: whose Second Bill of Lading goes herewth:

17. The Ann Sailed out of y^{e}: Road 14th: Inst 3 a clock morning, wth: a fair wind, y^{e}: Invoice of goods aboard her amo^{t}: to Rs. 611,733: 8^{a}: p:— deducting thirty bales Cotton Yarn, w^{ch}: were sent back having noe room to stow y^{m}: Wee are

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &^{ca}:
Your most humble Servants
JOHN BEARD.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
R^{I}: TRENCHFEILD.
THOMAS LEY.
EDW: OXBOROUGH.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM BRAMENY PODALA LINGAPAH FROM SEREPE TO Y^{E}: HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT DATED APRILL 1685.

I enjoy good health & shall be very glad to hear y^{e}: like from your Hon^{r}: w^{ch}: I have not done since yo^{r}: returne from y^{e}: Bay, your Hon^{r}: and my Selfe being great friends, it's not well [done of] your Hon^{r}:, not to accquaint me wth: y^{e}: news of yo^{r}: health, w^{ch}: [wont] be most acceptable, & rejoyce me to hear of, I hear y^{t}: you order those people that brings paddy to yo^{r}: towne, to sell it att a Cheap rate, or elce you will not suffer y^{m}: to make Saile of it, &

besides you make y^e^ : measures bigger, So y^t^ : y^e^ : Sellers loose by itt therefore I desired yo^r^ : Hon^r^ : to lett it goe on according to Sallabad, & y^e^ : buyers and sellers to have their liberty, if I should order noe Paddy to come to yo^r^ : towne, y^n^ : your Hon^r^ : will Complaine to me, y^t^ : I doe not doe you Justice, now there will come a great deale of Corne into your towne, therefore I desire you to lett the buyers and Sellers be att liberty, if Yabaw[gee Pontulo] Should write to your Hon^r^ : about any business, I hope for my sake you will grant w^t^ : he shall desire of you, your Hon^r^ : being a very understanding ℔son I shall not enlarge, only desire to receive your Commands.

COODALOORE, THE 15^TH^ : APRILL 1685.

To Y^E^ : HON^BLE^ : W^M^ : GYFFORD ESQ^R^ :
PRESID^T^ : & GOVERN^R^ : &C^A^ : COUNCELL IN FFORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon^ble^ : S^r^ : &^ca^ :

Wee have received yours of y^e^ : 10^th^ : Inst : y^e^ : 14^th^ : ditto and Shall according to order gett our goods embaled as fast as may be, and lade y^m^ : on board y^e^ : next Europe Ship or Sloope y^t^ : comes, w^th^ : w^t^ : we shall receive upon y^e^ : acc^t^ : of y^e^ : 5000 Pag^s^ : last agreed for.

It is very true, you were pleas'd to acquainte M^r^ : Davis y^t^ : you were not in a Condition to Satisfie w^t^ : we Should be indebted to y^e^ : Merch^ts^ ; and order'd him to oblidge y^m^ : w^t^ : possible to Stay till you Should, w^ch^ : we did, but they were Soe importunate w^th^ : us for wrighting for Pag^s^ 5000 to satisfie their constant dunners, y^t^ : we could not possibly avoid w^ch^ : wee had not otherwise done ; being very Sensible how straitn'd you are for Mony, and we have not been wanting to y^e^ : utmost of our powers to maintaine y^e^ : R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ : Interest in giving y^e^ : Merch^ts^ : the pro[s]pect of a very Speedy and considerable Supply of mony.

Wee have long since proceeded for Porto Novo, had not M^r^ : Davis his indisposition of a feaver & cold hindred itt, who now thanks be to God is pretty well, and hope will not be long before we goe, w^n^ : we shall oblige y^e^ : Merch^ts^ : w^t^ : possible to take of y^e^ : Europe goods, w^ch^ : we fear will be a difficult business, M^r^ : Davis having wrote to y^m^ : concerning it, upon his arrivall, that they well knew they had obliged y^m^ Selves for w^t^ : Soever Investm^t^ : Should be made w^th^ : y^m^ : to take of Europe goods proportionable as our Merch^ts^ : here had done, and therefore why they should scruple y^e^ : doing of it, now he knew not. To w^ch^ : y^e^ : returned this answere, y^t^ : 'twas very true they had made him Such a promise, but Since had agreed w^th^ : M^r^ : Ord on other termes, w^ch^ : made their former promise void, & that they were not by contract w^th^ : him obliged to take any part of y^e^ : Investment in Europe goods.

Wee shall creditt you for y^e^ : am^t^ : of y^e^ paper as advis'd, & shall employ doctor Grudgfield in assisting us in writeing worke, for w^ch^ : Shall gratifie him as he shall deserve.

Wee shall in repaireing and makeing w^t^ [a]dition necessary for y^e^ house at Porto Novo, extend noe more y^n^ : w^t^ : absolute necessary.

Wee desire you would please to send us Pag^s^ : 1000 for defraying our ffactory Charges, paying o^r^ : Washers here & att Porto Novo the goods lying by them for want of itt, & we out of Cash.

Wee allso desire you will please to receive of M^r^ : Ord y^s^ : ballance of his account, being Pag^s^ : 207 :7 fa : w^ch^ : please to Creditt us for.

You were formerly advised of a mistake in Shipping of from Porto Novo a Bale of fine Neckcloths N^o^ 40 † Invoyced to you to containe 160 peeces, w^ch^ : contain'd but 120 : there is also come since to o^r^ : knowledge a Bale of Bettillaes

N° 26. Shipped of from thence instead of N° 25 we therefore desire you will Creditt us for y^e^ difference in y^e^ Bettillaes Pag^s^: 10: 21: 4: and Charge us for y^e^: difference on y^e^: Neckcloths 34: 4: 2: w^ch^ is y^e^ needfull att present from

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &^ca^:
Your most humble servants
JN°: DAVIS.
RALPH INGRAM.

Herew^th^: remitt you M^r^: Ords acc^t^: to w^ch^:
desire you will please to be referr'd.
Idem J. D.
R. I.

COODALOORE THE 17^TH^: APRILL 1685.

To Y^E^: HON^BLE^: W^M^: GYFFORD ESQ^R^:
PRESID^T^ & GOVERN^R^: &^CA^: COUNCELL IN FFORT S^T^: GEORGE.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &^ca^:

Wee have received yours of y^e^: 13^th^: Curr^t^: this day, and now according to yo^r^: order send you y^e^: remains of our Small Stock of medicines, having only reserved what things necessary for M^r^: Davis & M^r^: Cawley, who are both ill, w^ch^: comes by Land Conveyance noe Shelangoe being procureable the contents of w^ch^: are as ℔ inclosed List, for which desire you will please to Creditt our Accompt Currant Pag^s^: 25.

Wee have wrote to Connimeere to accquiant them y^t^ we cannot procure a Shelinga here, that soe they may make provission for y^e^: forwarding w^t^ things they have to send you.

Wee shall according to order (if any Europe Ships arrive w^th^: us) Lade w^t^ goods have in a readiness & then dispatch them to Connimeere, which is w^t^: needfull from

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &^ca^:
Your humble Servants
JN°: DAVIS.
RALPH INGRAM.

CONIMERO APRILL THE 18^TH^ 1685.

To Y^E^: HON^BLE^: W^M^: GYFFORD ESQ^R^:
PRESID^T^: &^CA^: COUNCELL IN FORT S^T^: GEORGE.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &^ca^:

Your Hon^rs^: &^ca^: Genll: of y^e^: 13^th^: Curr^t^: arrived here the 15^th^: but find by our friends Genll: from Codaloor, y^t^: there's noe Chillangers procurable, therefore in Comp^a^: w^th^: theirs, now send our Phisick Chest overland, and Shall according to order Send our bales by the first Ship that touches here, having in order thereunto gott all our boats in readiness, which being what offers at present, humbly crave leave to Subscribe

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &^ca^:
Your most humble Servant
RICH^D^: MILTON.

HUGLY 6TH FEBRY $16\frac{8}{9}\frac{4}{5}$.

To YE HONBLE: WM: GYFFORD ESQR:
GOVERNR: OF FORT ST: GEORGE & CITTY
MADRASS & PRESIDT: &CA: COUNCELL FOR AFFAIRS OF
YE: HONBLE ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPA:
ON YE: COAST OF CORMANDELL
BAY OF BENGALL &CA:

Most Hond: Srs:

1. Our last to yor: Honr: &ca: was ye: 12th: Ult: by ye: Defence, a Coppy of wch: goes herewth:

Wee writt you yn: yt: we had Ship'd aboard ye: Defence, 4,000 bags of Petre, & 4,000 bags of Turmeric, wch: went upon Purgoes & Boraes a little before, presumeing they would goe safe, it being yn: fair whether & at such time yt: we did not expect Southerly winds, and had no other way to send itt down, our Sloops being all imploy'd in carrying down Sugar & Bale goods, & would bee to little for ye: carrying down ye: Bale goods ye: next turne to the Ship Ann.

2. It so fell out yt: ye: Purgoes (yt: went ye: 9th: & 10th: of Janry) after a long Passage down ye: River, being stop'd Some time att Tanna by the Choukye there, & ye: Southerly winds setting in, Soe early, wch: was more yn: usuall, & wn: ye: came into ye: Road, ye: winds continuing in ye: quarter, blew So hard, yt: it brought in a very great Sea, and continuing to blow, forc'd some of ye: Purgoes upon ye: Lee Shoar, & beat ym: in peeces, others foundred in ye: Road, & most of ye: men lost we have notice of [six] were lost, and wth them 1,900 bags of Petre, and 1,075 bags of Turmerick, wt: more we yett have no Account.

3. Upon the first notice we order'd yt: Capt: Heath Should be dispatch'd, having noe way to send down more in time, & ye: Capt: being impatient for fear he should not gett out of ye: Road.

4. There went in a Purgoe 614 Baggs of Sugar, for ye: Bengall Merchts: under ye: Care of ye: Ship Thõ: but it proveing calme about Kedgeree, ye: Purgoe rowed away, and in ye: Road mett wth: ye: Southerly winds, and Since hath not been heard of. We writt to Mr: Safford (who went down in ye: Sloop Tho: to dispatch all the Ships in ye: Road) giveing him Order, to dispatch ye: Bengall Merchts: forthwth: but his stay for ye: Purgoe might cause him to loose his Voyage, being Soe late.

5. Wee having not recd one Peece of goods from Dacca & Cassimbuzar towards ye: Lading of ye: Ship Ann, did wt: we could to [gett] in goods here, and so succeeded, Setting all hands to Sort, yt: by ye: 30th of January we had Sorted, embaled, and laden on ye: last sloops, goods to ye: amot of Rs. [5] 20126: 2 A: 6 P. Besides wch: they have laden upon said Ship, between two & three hundred Bales of Cloth from Ballasore, and 300 bags of Cowries. On ye 3d: Inst:, ye: dispatch wth: Pacquet for Engld went down wth: ye: last goods, to Ballasore Road, wth: orders to give a Speedy dispatch to ye: Sd: Ship, Mr: Safford being in ye: Road to yt: end.

6. Now are come down 39 Bales & Chests of goods from Dacca Mr: Pownsett having att last obtain'd a distick for their comeing away. Wee should have Ship'd, on ye: Sloop Thomas as many as she would hold of said Bales & Chests, & Sent ym: to you but we were of Opinion, 'twould be so great a Hazard, to send near a Lack of Rs: upon Such a Vessell, at this time of ye: year, ye: Master being a Stranger in these parts, and must goe so farr off to sea, to reach ye: ffort, yt: twas doubtfull but yt: he would meet wth: bad weather, & besides, he hath not any body wth him yt: is capable to manage ye: Navigable part of ye: Voyage, we have therefore sent him away wth: Petre and Turmericke, Bill of Lading and Invoice come here wth:, amot: to Rs. 923: 0A: 6P

7. Wee have not been able wth: all Indeavours to accommodate ye: difference at Cassimbuzar, or to take ye: Nabob off from his demand of Mr: Charnock, or ye: paymt: of ye: 43000 Rs: After two months, yt: they have been boseiged

as 'twere y^{e}: Assoal, or Messenger, is gone to make his complaint, and hath carryed wth: him to Dacca Attestations against us. Coppy of y^{e}: last letter from thence wee send your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}:

8. Wee cant yield y^{m}: any releife, all y^{e} Ships gone the Sloops gone to y^{e}: Road, except y^{e}: small Sloops that is going to y^{e}: Fort, on w^{ch}: is but two Englishmen besides y^{e}: Master, by w^{ch}; yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &^{ca}: may see, its not Soe easy a matter, to wth: draw, as it hath been made and indeed our People can't wth: draw from any ffactory in y^{e}: Country wth: out y^{e}: Govern^{rs}: leave & tis now beyond all question, for they cannot come wth: out y^{e}: Countreys help, and if proclamation be made, y^{t}: no one shall serve us, they dare not doe it.

9. Wee hear y^{e}: Nabob is promis'd one third of w^{t}: they gett of us, by his giveing y^{e}: cause against us, w^{ch} is y^{e}: main reason y^{t}: he So stiffly adhears to those Villains, & y^{e}: Phusdar, Cozzee & [Mutsuddyes, & are] promised another, Third, upon w^{ch}: y^{e}; are all sett against us & make use of every petty thing to incense the Nabob, adding and aggravateing things to y^{t}: end.

10. And very unhappily did y^{e}: Ryott at Ballasore fall out, at about y^{e}: same time, w^{ch}: was writt immediatly to y^{e} Phousdar of this Place (who is also Phousdar & Droga of y^{e}: Customs at Ballasore) and aggravated to him by his deputy, y^{t}: Soe inraged y^{e}: Phousdar (being under apprehension y^{t}: he was neeiect'd, it readily took wth: him) y^{t}: he wrote to y^{e}: Nabob, & aggravated y^{e}: matter, in Such manner, y^{t}: all our friends became o^{r}: Enemies, & continue so to bee, Saying w^{t}: will y^{e}: English take Prisoner y^{e}: Kings Standerd, y^{e}: Ensigne of his power & authority? w^{t}: will they doe next? The Nabob writes this to y^{e}: King & himselfe is enrag'd at y^{s}: Information. The Captains make light of these things, nay, rather abett, y^{n} hinder their Men, and are ready to revenge themselves, as we here some were going to doe att y^{e}: time w^{n}: this happen'd, We never hear of any Complaints against y^{e}: Dutch of y^{s}: nature, their men never give y^{e}: least occasion of trouble to y^{e}: Director &^{ca}: they allways sending an officer ashoar wth: their men, who is to give acco^{t}: of y^{e}: Crew wth: him, being exceeding cautious: in all respects of giving any offences to y^{e}: Countrey.

11. Wee have wth: all diligence apply'd o^{r}: selves to y^{e}: taking off y^{e}: Phousdar, hee says he can't be friends, having writt against us to y^{e}: Nabob, and our offence is so great, y^{t}: he shall be brought under suspicion y^{t}: he is an Enemy to y^{e}: King, or y^{t}: he hath taken a bribe of us.

12. Wee looke in a little time to be putt to a great dilemma whether to Stay, or betake ourselves, to o^{r} Sloops, both being of great difficulty to resolve about.

13. Wee have Sign'd all Papers in order to Mahmood Hunifi's going to y^{e} King, but he is not yett gone, after we had gott all translated (w^{ch}: was some time delay'd by our want of time, being imploy'd in getting goods ready for y^{e}: Ann) The Vaqueels going [was] detarded by y^{e}: objections he made against y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Presidents letter to y^{e}: King. Two things he stuck att, w^{ch}: cost us Some time to gett over, (sending to M^{r}: Charnock for his opinion therein, (Viz^{t}:

First he objected against w^{t}: was s^{d}: y^{t}: we had y^{e}: Kings gracious Phirmaund; not to pay Custom &^{ca}: Alledging we have no such Phirmand. The Phirmaund being not directed to Nabob of Bengalla but to y^{e}: Govern^{r}: at Surratt, & y^{t}: y^{e}: Letter would doe us great hurt if itt should bee deliver'd, & himselfe brought under disgrace &c^{a}:

The Second thing he objected against was y^{e}: Complaint against y^{e}: Govern^{rs}: here, alledging, y^{t}: no Complaints are there rec̃d wth: out Mahuzzars or Attestations from credible Persons, and they are onely Mussulmen (or true Beleivers) and y^{e}: most was, to have an Ameen (or Examiner) to come down att our Charge, to examine y^{e}: matter of Complaints, w^{ch}: would soe incense all y^{e} Govern^{rs}:, y^{t}: they would bend all their Power & Interest ag^{t}: us, & would be beleived in w^{t}: they Said, and would not want Attestations against us, w^{n} we Should not bee able to make any Proofe against them.

Wee at last gott him over all these Objections. And Since our troubles wth: o^{r}: Govern^{rs}: a new govern^{r}: being come, in y^{e}: Room of Arerbeig deceased, who is a parson of y^{e}: Kings Duanat [Duna's] Cast, that will take no gift, and is

prying into all matters, & calling for an exact acc^{t}: of goods we Ship off &^{ca}: about w^{ch}: weeare feign to imploy Mahmood Hu[n]ife to make friends, wth: his duan and Serv^{ts}: wth: whose eyes he must See, or be blinded, hee intends now in few days to depart.

14. Our Protest did reach'Agent Hedges &^{ca}: in y^{e}: Road, & was delivered y^{m}: by M^{r}: Fitzhugh, in ℔sence of three Wittnesses, who have attested a Coppy, w^{ch}: we have Sent to y^{e}; Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Ag^{t} Hedges Said, he would answer it, M^{r}: Gough Said (as M^{r}: Fitzhugh writes) y^{t}: w^{ch}: was not seemly for him to write us. M^{r}: Dowglasse said nothing at all to itt.

THE 10TH OF FFEBR^{RY}: 1684.

15. Since y^{e}: above, things looke wth: a more hopefull aspect. The Nabob hath acceptd of o^{r}: Present, w^{ch}: he hath wth: difficulty been brought too, & is soe pleas'd wth: y^{e}: Horse, & fine Guns, wth: some other things, y^{t}: he hath Sent y^{e}: Agent a Seerpaw, w^{ch}: was yesterday rẽcd, M^{r}: Pownsett writes, y^{t}: he would, y^{e}: next day after y^{e}: Present was deliver'd, make his Complaint, we have great hopes to hear y^{t}: he will interpose in y^{e}: business of Cassimbuzar. This day from Cassimbuzar we have advice, y^{t}: they applyed y^{m}selves to one Bansduray Congo of y^{t}: place, & a very considerable person, who had been wth: y^{e}: Phousdar, Cremalmulbeck, & had given him to understand, y^{t}: he had unjustly disobliged y^{e}: English, who have severall years been great Traders, to y^{e}: great improving of y^{e}: Kings Rents, & y^{t}: now they had given out no mony w^{ch}: had caus'd: a great Clamor in y^{e}: Country, & y^{t}: they have hopes by y^{s} means, to make an end of their business.

16. Wee find we have been to blame in sending away so much Cloth from hence, y^{t}: wee have not left any for presents, either here or in other places, w^{ch}: was a great failing in y^{e}: Warehouse keeper, we therefore desire yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: to send us, by y^{e} first Ship y^{t}: comes this way (if it be not disposed of before y^{s}: comes to hand) about thirty or forty Peices Viz^{t}: 15 pcs fine Red, & Green, y^{e}: rest ordinary Red & Green.

17. Wee are advis'd, y^{e}: Dutch, upon y^{e}: comeing of a new Director, have sent up for a ℔sent to y^{e}: Nabob, Elephants, Horses, Broadcloth, Flintware, Lookeing Glasses, Spice of all Sorts, Scimiter Blades Japan Screens & Scretores, to a great value we have not yett y^{e}: acc^{t}: of y^{e}: am^{t}: but shall have in a little time.

18. Herewth: goes an Acc^{t}: of y^{e}: Stores belonging to y^{e}: Sloop Thomas, wth: w^{t}: mony we have p^{d}: to y^{e}: Men belonging to her. Wee have advice y^{t}: y^{e}: Sloop Ganges is Sunke comeing downe Ballasore River, and y^{e}: Madapollam is Soe disabled, by her being cast on y^{e}: Sand, and lying there 12 or 14 days, that Shee will hardly be repaired. Wee therefore shall have occasion for a new Sloop about a hundred Tons, of like built with the Good Hope and Madapollam. Wee pray pl[e]ase to give order for the building one, to be here by the next Monsoon, there is no venturing goods in Countrey boats.

Wee had this day advice from Ballasore that the Bengall Merch^{t}: was dispatched the first Instant with all her Ladeing. Wee had at same time an Invoice for what they at Ballasore had laden on the Defence, a Coppy of which is herewith sent, amo^{t}: to Rs. 1[1]554 : 13 : 9. Wee are

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most humble Servants
JOHN BEARD.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RICHD: TRENCHFEILD.
THO: LEY.
EDW: OXBOROUGH.

CASSIMBUZAR 2ᴰ FFEBᴿʸ: $16\frac{84}{85}$.

Rᵗ: WORSPᴸᴸ: &ᶜᵃ: COUNCELL.

Our last was yᵉ: 30ᵗʰ: past, we are inform'd yᵗ: the Assoale left Muxodavad 3 days Since & is gone to Dacca by Wᵐ: Curremunmulk hath wrote as much to oʳ: prejudice as he could invent, having fram'd a Mohuzzer attested by yᵉ: Cozzee Worannavis &ᶜᵃ: Mutsuddies, & 'tis certainly reported he will procure Nabobs order to use force against us, wᶜʰ: we expect within 6 or 7 days at ℔sent we are debarred of all necessaryes, most of our Peons having left oʳ: Service for fear of yᵉ: Governʳ: Since yᵉ: drume beat up last, our Vakeele dare not appear any more at the Durbar yᵉ: Cozze having affright'd him and all those of yᵉ: Mahometan cast yᵗ: Serve us, Some time past a Servant of Mʳ; Cheyne having Stolen some things from him was question'd about it, who immediately to gett himselfe clear makes a complaint unjustly to yᵉ Cozzee yᵗ: his Master had taken away his cast, by flinging pork flesh upon his garments, hereupon the Cozzee isues out his Ham or warrant for his appearance, we sent our Vackeele to give answer at yᵉ: Adollat, but nothing would content yᵉ Cozze Save Mʳ Cheynes appearance this hath given yᵐ: a great opportunity to add to our troubles and we heare they have improved it to yᵉ height to Dacca in their Mohuzzar, and all though yᵉ ℔sent hath been so long arriv'd at Dacca, yet we have had no news of any thing they have done yett nor do we beleive they will be able to do any thing for us, so that our staying here is intollerable & if we come not away Suddainly we fear Shall not be able to doe itt hereafter, yᵉ: Nabobs orders are expected to arrive wᵗʰ: in few days to use violence against us.

You See we are now in a miserable condition, wᶜʰ: we judge to be to desperate, yᵗ: we feare selfe preservation, will force us to leave this place, before we can receive yoʳ: orders, however we shall delay yᵗ: to yᵉ: last and therefore shall expect your commands wᵗʰ: yᵉ: greatest earnestness wᵉʰ: though we should receive they may prove ineffectuall, wᵗʰ: out you Send us some Seamen from yʳ: Ships & Sloops to row us down, for most certaine its we shall not be able to procure men here we are.

Right Worspᴵˡ: &cᵃ:
Att your Comands.
JOB: CHARNOCK.
JAMES HARDING.
NICHOLAS DAVENANT
JAMES WATSON.
CHARLES PATE.

List of Hugly Pacquett to ffort St. George ℔ Sloop Thomas 11 ffebʳʸ 1 $6\frac{84}{85}$

Nº: 1. Hugly Generall to ffort Sᵗ: George, datᵗ: 6ᵗʰ & 10ᵗʰ ffebʳʸ 1684/5.

2. Bill of Lading Sloop Thomas from Bengall to ffort Sᵗ George 11ᵗʰ ffebʳʸ 1684.

3. Invoice ditto.

4. Accᵗ: of Wages paid to Sloop Thomas And Accᵗ; of her Stores.

5. Coppy of Hugly Generᴵˡ: to ffort Sᵗ: George ℔ Defence datᵗ: 12ᵗʰ Janʳʸ 84/5.

6. Coppy of Cassimbuzar Generall to Hugly datᵗ: 2 ffebʳʸ: 1684/5.

7. Coppy of Ships Defence Invoice from Ballasore to Fort Sᵗ George 2 ffebʳʸ 84/5.

8. List of the Pacquet.

MADAPOLLAM APRILL Y^E 16^TH 1685.

To Y^E HON^BLE W^M GYFFORD ESQ^R
PRESIDENT &^CA: COUNCELL.

Hon^ble: S^r: &^ca:

The delay of Sev^ll: of y^e: Merch^ts: bringing in their proportions ot y^e: joynt Stock mony from y^e: 25 ffeb^ry: last and our desires to have y^t: ℔ form'd by them, has detarded our acknowledgment of the Rec^t: of your Generalls of y^e: 27^th: ffeb^ry: w^th: Pag^s: 5000 & of the 12^th: last month w^ch: we rec^d: y^e: 22^th: d^o & caused us also to deferr remitting Transcripts of our Dyary Consultations &c^a: for y^e: Months of ffeb^ry: and March untill this time, having hopes y^t: after our frequent Summons of & messages to y^e: Merch^ts: to y^t: purpose, they would have concluded their disputes & come to an unanimous Agreem^t: of their differences y^t: so y^n: we might w^th: y^e: monthly acc^ts: have advis'd y^t: also, but we have all y^s: while attended in Vaine, and therefore have resolv'd to dismiss y^e: Obstinate & refractory, or indeed to Say better y^e: Unable & needy Merch^ts:, & to accept of Collipelle Narso & Such other who w^th: him were at first ready to depossitt their Shares of y^e: joynt Stock (& have now done it) to proceed in y^e: provission of goods ordinary, as you direct, if we can ℔swade y^e: Merch^ts: thereto, adding to itt 4000 of y^e: 5000 Pag^s: lately sent us reserving y^e: remainder for y^e: needfull expence of the Factory, and to present Hossan beauge who is now in these parts wherein we shall be as frugall as possible.

By Coppy of y^e: Consultations now sent, yo^r: Hon^r: &^ca: may be pleas'd to observe y^e: unreasonable desires of y^e: [unable] Merch^ts: for a longer time, w^ch: we beleive onely to be a delatory [℔lence] and also their demands of paym^t: for w^t: goods we have rec^d: from them on y^e R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^as: acc^t: on Creditt, w^ch: tho they well know they are to have Interest for & to be p^d: as at Metchlep^a: yet they now clamer for Satisfaction.

The Cloth in Bale No: 5 was an Error in Number, w^ch: hereafter shall be prevented by observing to marke each kind of Cloth according to y^e Sortm^t: & number they fall under.

Sam^ll: Wales entreats yo^r: Hon^r: &^ca: to beleive y^t: he has ever been carefull to put y^e: R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^a: to as little Charge as possible on all acc^ts: w^t:soever, & y^t: he shew'd y^e: ℔ticulars of his Charge from Pettipollee to y^e: Councell w^ch: were approved & pass'd y^e: Charges were y^e: greater for this reason. No Pallenqueen boys nor Cooleys, nor boats were procurable at Pettipollee, for Transport of his goods & family, but were sent from Madapollam, & in Expectation of y^e: Succeding Chiefs arrivall w^ch: was dayly look'd for y^e: boy's & Cooleys were detain'd upon Batty but M^r: Wheeler not comeing in a Considerable time after, raised y^e: charge much higher y^n: it would otherwise have been.

M^r: Wheedon Master of y^e: Sloop Thomas on y^e: 14 Instant came hither from Corango w^th: y^e: accompanying Pacquett, he accquaints us he hath been as high as y^e: Lattitude of Pollicatt, but forced back againe by Contrary Winds & Curr^t:, he is now return'd back to Corango having left a letter for y^e: Hon^ble: Presid^t: w^ch: comes w^th: y^e: Pacquett we have noe more to add y^n: our most humble Services Presented from

Hon^ble: Sir &^ca:
Your most humble Servants
SAM: WALES.
RICH: BRERETON.
BENJ^A: NORTHY.
CHA: FFOWNES.

MADAPOLLAM APRIL Y^E 15^TH 1685.

To Y^E: HON^BLE W^M: GYFFORD ESQ^R
PRESID^T FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^E: R^T:
HON^BLE: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^A:

Hon^ble: Sir

I yesterday arriv'd at this place from Corango, & brought w^th: me y^e: Pacquett from y^e: Worspll John Beard in Hugly direct'd to yo^r: Hon^r: &^ca Councell at ffort S^t: George, and did deliver it to M^r Sam^ll Wales desireing him to forward it to yo^r: Hon^r: &^ca: Councell in ffort S^t: George, where I wish it Safe to your hands, I shall endeavo^r: to attain yo^r: Port w^th: all y^e: Expedition as may bee but y^e: wind and Currant being so contrary, & Strong, forct me in Corango road, where I now lye, waiteing for an oppertunity w^ch: w^th: my most humble Services to your Selfe I Remaine

Hon^ble: S^r:
Your most humble Servant
HEN^R: WHEDON.

METCHLEP^A: THE 18^TH: APRILL 1685.

To Y^E: HON^BLE: W^M: GYFFORD ESQ^R:
PRESID^T: & GOVERN^R: OF FFORT S^T: GEORGE &C^A: COUNCELL.

Hon^ble Sir: &c^a:

Wee shall now acknowledge y^e: Receipt of yo^rs: y^e: 12^th: March, w^ch: Should have been answer'd long before now had it not been for y^e: dayly expectations of yo^r: replye to ours of y^e: 16 ditto, but since you have not thought fitt we shall not venture to deferr any longer, but accquaint of y^e: State of our Hon^ble: Masters affairs here at ℔sent viz^t:

That wee take our notice of y^e great Tonnage y^t: is to be provided against y^e: mo: of June & July, & w^t; orders you have given for y^e disposall of y^e 5000 Pag^s: sent us should have been punctually comply'd w^th: had not our many engagem^ts: Impeded, as you will perceive by our Consultations and Acc^t of Cash how wee were forc'd to dispose of it otherwise hopeing y^e: [repetation] of a punctuall complyance may turne more to o^r: Hon^ble: Masters advantage, & y^t: in due time we shall be able to gett as many or more goods proper for Europe as y^t: Sum̃e would have purchas'd by laying out privately y^e: w^ch: might have been for y^e: future an irreparable prejudise to o^r: Creditts.

Wee have used our utmost endeavours w^th: our Merch^ts: to advance an Investm^t for y^e Hon^ble: Comp^a: against y^e Month of June & July w^ch: they promise to doe w^t possible they can, but will enter into noe engagem^t: by w^ch: we may expect there ℔formance answerable to o^r: owne, in y^e: paym^t: of w^t: due to y^m: we cannot as yett give greater encouragem^t till have your answer to w^t: propos'd in our Last.

Wee have made up all acco^tts: w^th: our Merch^ts & others, a copie thereof wee now Send you, by w^ch you may perceive how much wee Stand still indebted, wee alsoe send you a copye of our Consultations Diary and Acc^ts: Cash for y^e: last 3 Months w^ch: hope will be sattisfactory for all our transactions.

Wee have presented Mauhm^d: Ally Beague w^th: Pag^s: 300 according to yo^r: order not having any Europe things by us proper for y^t: use; y^e: Summe hee thought too little for his Master but tooke it: and promises a real friendship and his assistance to us on all occasions.

Robert Freeman returns you hum^ble: thanks for the liberty granted him of coming up to y^e: Fort w^ch: hee intends to make use of soe soone as this years

Gennerall Books can bee Ballanced & not before, w^ch^: hopes will bee y^e^: begining of next month they being up to y^e^: time, having noe more at ℔sent worthy your notice wee humbly subscribe

Hon^ble^: Sir
Your most humble & most
Obedient Servants
Rob^t^: Freeman.
Timothy Harris.
Sam^ll^: Swynoke.

Loy^ll^: Resolution Ap^ll^ 30^th^ 1685.

Hon: S^rs^:

These serve to acquaint yo^r^: Hon^r^ &^ca^: y^t^: have on board 51 White & Portuguese Soldiers and 54 Blacks. I [d]id upon y^e^: word of a man tell you y^t^: I had but 110 Butts but since on examination find only 109 by w^ch^: you may judge y^t^: I can not carry well above 100 Passeng^rs^: besides my Ships Comp^a^: S^rs^ I have formerly given you acc^t^: of y^e^ Leakinesse of my Ship Shee still continuing makeing 20 Inches water in 4 hours being very deepe & you neverthelesse are still p[r]essing on mee a great quantity of Gandy Gundy. I proffered you last night att 5^d^ ℔ diem each head to find y^e^: Blacks wood water and Rice, by reason y^t^ I am unwilling to take any more Weight aboard—but if you will force mee to receive 50 more blacks—I doe hereby declare y^t^: I shall receive y^m^:, but iff y^t^: by the length of passage we come to a Shortness of Water (by reason of y^e^: many we shall have on board w^ch^: will be nigh 260 or 270 Souls) and be forced to make for any other Port y^n^: w^t^: dammage may happen by y^e^: want thereof &^ca^: I have and doe hereby declare y^t^: it will be caus'd by your putting too many passeng^rs^ on board mee, so y^t^: if y^e^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: Service shall thereby receive any dammage I have and doe Lay it att yo^r^: doore, this is all att present Save to informe you that I cannot sett or be on my Quarter deck, but am continually troubled w^th^: y^e^: black fellows complaints for w^t^: I know not—but desire y^t^: M^r^: Gray would come on board, who perhaps may redresse y^m^: in w^t^: they want, it being for Victualls as I presume. I kisse yo^r^: Hon^rs^: &^ca^: hand and am

Your very obedient Serv^t^:
Fra: Willshaw.

P.S. if you please to satisfie whether you are willing to allow me 5^d^ ℔ day ℔ man for y^e^: Victualling Blacks for y^e^: reason affores^d^: and my being unwilling to receive any more Weight, by reason of my Ships deepnesse as soon as I receive your orders for itt I shall doe it. My son Jonah attending to know your pleasure herein.

Idem F.W.

Translate of a letter from y^e^: Madapollam Merch^t^: to y^e^: Hon^ble^: W^m^: Gyfford Esq^r^: Presid^t^: and Govern^r^: &^ca^: Councell dated Aprill 1685.

Wee Wordanane Gruapah, Pynde Cundana Bawloo, Gubba Lingapa, Conda Shamboondoo, Nagoola Cunda Jagana, Angode Zogee &^ca^: Merch^ts^: desire our humble Sallams to yo^r^: Hon^r^: &^ca^:. M^r^: Lucas last year came downe hither bought all our old Cloth off our hands and made a joynt Stock, and Contracted w^th^: us, for 8,000 Pag^s^ in new Sorts of goods, but wee accquaint'd him y^t^: y^e^: Moonsoons drew near and therefore desired him to lett us bring in Pag^s^: 7,000 in New sorts, and 1,000 in y^e^ old sorts, w^ch^: he agreed to, & we ℔ form'd; after w^ch^: w^n^: we came to make up acc^ts^: among our selves, y^e^: Cheife Merch^t^: Collapella Narso told us we had nothing to doe w^th^: y^e^: 1,000 pag^s^: of y^e^: old sort of goods provided, and also recd: 500 Pag^s^: from y^e^: Cheife w^th^: out knowledge, w^ch^: he never brought to Acc^t^: & w^n^: we ask'd him why he act'd in this manner, (since we had all [putt] our obligation to y^e^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^:) he answered

us, we need not Concerne ourselves, for he would give us noe acc^{t}: why he did soe, we considering he play'd tricks wth: us in y^{e}: manner, at y^{e}; beginning of y^{e}: joynt stock, knew not w^{t}: he would doe for y^{e}: future, w^{n}: we should deliver all our Stocks into his hands, therefore we accquainted your Hon^{r}: of it at yo^{r}: arrivall here from y^{e} Bay & both partys desired we might be divided into two Comp^{as}: yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: accquainted us y^{t}: you would (at yo^{r}: arrivall to y^{e}: Fort) Consult wth: yo^{r}: Councell, and write downe about it, Since w^{ch}: y^{e}: Cheife told us there could not be two Comp^{as}:, & therefore bid us bring our mony into a joynt stock, w^{ch}: we did not refuse, but desir'd y^{e}: above mention'd acc^{ts}: might be first clear'd, and y^{t}: we might have bills for w^{t}: mony we lent to y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: y^{n}: we should bring in our joynt stock mony, y^{e}: Cheife order'd y^{e}: ffactory Brameny Mungoragoo to make up acc^{ts}: between us, but Collapilla Narso said he would not give acc^{ts}: to any body, but told y^{e}: Chiefe & Councell, if they would turne us away, he would undertake to bring in y^{e}: joynt Stock mony, so he & his party brought in halfe y^{e}: Joynt Stock mony, we told y^{e}: Cheife & Councell we would bring in ours also, so soon as y^{e}: above mention'd acc^{ts}: was Clear'd, but w^{t}: Colla pilla Narso & his party accquainted y^{e} Cheife & Councell against us, we cannot tell, nor in w^{t}: manner they have wrote to yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &^{ca}:, therefore know not how to make our defence, we can't mention in writing w^{t}: tricks he has play'd with us, we desire yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &^{ca}: not to bear any ill towards us for we are Ready to follow w^{t} orders we shall receive from you, and y^{e}: Cheife & Councell of this ffactory, we write in this manner because yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: should understand how desirous we are to Serve you, to y^{e}: utmost of our abillitys. Mem: all y^{e}: above mention'd Merchts: have sign'd to this.

TRANSLATE OF A LR̃E FROM GOPALL PUNDITT FROM PORTO NOVO TO Y^{E} HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: DATED MAY: 1685.

I enjoy good health and wish to hear y^{e}: like from yo^{r}: Hon^{r}:, lately one of my brothers daughters was Marri'd, w^{ch}: I desire yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: to bring into yo^{r}: Consideration, M^{r}: Ord made a Contract wth: y^{e}: Porto Novo Merch^{ts}: but hath not p^{d}: y^{m}: mony, according to agreem^{t}: (and we hear he is going to Acheen) w^{ch}: y^{e}: Merch^{ts}: are concern'd att, I desire yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: to send Mony to y^{e}: Merch^{ts}:, and encrease yo^{r}: trade att both Sea Ports, w^{ch}: Harja Raja will be glad to heare of, I desire yo^{r} Hon^{r}: to write to M^{r}: Davis about y^{s}: business, yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: being a very understanding ꝑson, I need not enlarge further, Since your Hon^{rs}: arrivall from y^{e}: Bay, you have not wrote to me about any business, nor accquainted me of your health, w^{ch}: I desire you to doe; and Command me in your Service.

TRANSLATE OF A LR̃E FROM SANGANA AND NARRANAPAH FROM CONJEVERON TO Y^{E}: HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: DATED MAY 1685.

Wee enjoy good health, wishing to hear y^{e}: like from yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: we have rec̃d: your Hon^{rs}: letter and have observed the Contents thereof, we have also rec̃d: the two letters, and Elephant yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: sent to his Excellency, wth: out any damage, we have wrote to his Excellency and forwarded yours to him; so we desire your Hon^{r}: to Command us in your further Service.

PETTIPOLLEE 28 APRILL 1685.

To Y^{E}: HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESID^{T} OF FFORT ST. GEORGE COAST OF
CHORMANDELL, GINGERLY BAY OF BENGALA &
ORIXA &C^{A}: RESPECTIVE COUNCELL.
HON^{ble}: S^{r}: &^{ca}:

Yours of y^{e}: 10th: Curr^{t}: I received att Madapollam the 22th: as also y^{e}: Invoice of Paper amounting to Pag^{s} 17: 14: for w^{ch}: I have given you Creditt according to your order I minded y^{e}: Merch^{ts}: of their promise to M^{r}: Littleton w^{n}: here, and not only Y^{t}: but y^{e}: tye that lay upon y^{m}: (as being y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Merch^{ts}) to obey yo^{r}: orders in all matters, to all w^{ch}: they gave me a very Short answer Viz^{t}: That till yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &^{ca}: should please to Send y^{m}:

downe y^e^ : Pag^s^ : 17,000 or att least y^e^ : one halfe, they could not think of going up alleadging each man owed his Weaver so much, y^t^ : Should he but attempt to goe out of Towne he should immediatly be stopt after long discourse w^th^ them. I told them this was a very frivolous excuse, and bid them consider of w^t^ : danger the sending such an answer to yo^r^ : Hon^r^ : &^ca^ : (as this was) might be to them for y^e^ : future, they still ꝑsisted in y^e^ same, and hoped y^t^ : w^t^ : they had said might not be ill construed, upon y^e^ : conclusion of all I gave them to understand y^t^ : w^t^ : they had discours'd w^th^ : me I would immediatly ꝑ letter transmitt to y^r^ : Hon^r^ : &^ca^ : to w^ch^ : y^e^ : reply'd it was well this being w^t^ : offers att present I crave leave to Remaine

Honourable S^r^ : &^a^ :
Your most ffaithfull & obed^t^ Serv^t^ :
BENJ^A^ : NORTHEY.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM VITTULAPELLY FROM TINDEVANAM TO Y^E^ : HON^BLE^ : W^M^ : GYFFORD ESQ^R^ PRESIDEN^T^ : GOVERN^R^ DATED MAY 1685.

I enjoy good health wishing to hear y^e^ : like from yo^r^ : Hon^r^ :, It's a long time since yo^r^ : Hon^r^ : accquainted me w^th^ : y^e^ : news of yo^r^ : good health, for w^c^ : their is noe reason, yo^r^ : Hon^r^ : & I being soe great friends, I hear yo^r^ : Hon^r^ : desig^ns to send another Cheife to Conimeer, w^n^ : first yo^r^ : Hon^r^ : made a Settlem^t^ : att y^t^ : place, you sent M^r^ : Willcox thither Cheife, and he being an understanding ꝑson, hath carryed on yo^r^ Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ business very well (kept good friendp^e^ : w^th^ : us, and hath Mannaged y^e^ : Merch^ts^ : and towne People to y^e^ content of all, therefore he is a very fitting man to remain in y^e^ same place, for should another come, twould be some tyme before he understands to carry on y^e^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ : business so well, yo^r^ : Hon^r^ : being an understanding ꝑson I shall not enlarge further about this business but desire yo^r^ Commands.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM AMBOGE^R^ PONTULO FROM CONIMEER TO THE HON^BLE^ : W^M^ : GYFFORD ESQ^R^ PRESID^T^ : DATED MAY 1685.

I enjoy good health wishing to hear y^e^ : like from yo^r^ : Hon^r^ : 'tis long Since I have rec̄d : a letter from yo^r^ : Hon^r^ :, w^ch^ there is noe reason for, Since yo^r^ : Hon^r^ : & I are so great friends, M^r^ : Willcox is now w^th^ : you, who is an understanding ꝑson, and Carrys on y^e^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ : business very well, therefore I desire yo^r^ : Hon^r^ : to Continue him in his place, Vittulapelly hath wrote yo^r^ : Hon^r^ : about y^e^ same business, w^ch^ : you will se upon ꝑusall of his lr̄e : yo^r^ : Hon^r^ : being an understanding ꝑson shall not enlarge on this business, but begg yo^r^ : future Commands, and referr yo^r^ : Hon^r^ : to M^r^ : Willcox for other matters.

Hon^r^ : S^r^ : SLOOP JAMES 10^TH^ : OF MAY 1685.

This to accquaint yo^r^ : Hon^r^ : of our Sad misfortune for standing off to sea we Chance to meett w^th^ : fresh galls & great Sea and making Saile for to keep Company w^th^ : y^e^ : Rest of y^e^ : fleet we sprung such a Leake y^t^ : we are forced to keep pumping glasse and glasse w^ch^ : hath been y^e^ : Cause of our putting Back again and fetched as far as Annor where we Ri [dd att] an Anchor. I would desire to know yo^r^ : Hon^rs^ : further orders w^t^ : we shall doe w^th^ : y^e^ : Veasell for w^t^ : w^th^ : a Carring of sail & Ridding att an Anchor she will not Bear up much longer w^th^ : out further Remedy. I Rest yo^r^ : Hon^rs^ : very Hum^ble^ : & Obedient Servant to Command

WILLIAM DIXON.

ARTICLES AGAINST CAP^T^ JOHN SPENCER RELATING TO Y^E^ HON^BLE^ EAST INDIA COMP^AS^ AFFAIRES.

1st. His advising and Importuning Cap^t^ : Bybee [to miss Syllibarr or over Shute it, but Cap^t^ : Bybee] would not, fearing it would damnifie him, his orders from his Worsp : & Councill being to y^e^ Contrary.

2d. His denying our Cape Merch^{ts} : men att severall times to doe y^{e} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} business, telling Cap^{t} : Bybee y^{t} : they were to mind the Shipps business first.

3d. His argueing in y^{e} Presence of our Cape Merch^{ts} & Cap^{t} Bybee and in y^{e} : hearing of o^{r} : Seamen, y^{t} : they were obliged to worke noe farther than [our] Take Reacht, w^{ch} : occasioned severall animosity's betwixt o^{r} Cape Merch^{ts} & Cap^{t} Bybee w^{ch} : was of ill Consiquence.

4th. His Imploying our Carpenters and Severall of our Men dayley in y^{e} : woods, Cutting downe great Trees and Sawing y^{m} : into Plank, w^{n} : our Cape Merch^{ts} wanted men to doe y^{e} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : business, dayley Complayning of M^{r} Spencer sending y^{e} Carpenters and Seamen into the woods, on purpose to hinder y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} dispatch, severall times telling Cap^{t} : Bybee y^{t} : he had noe Occasion for soe much Plank, y^{t} he might be asham'd to suffer his Mate Spencer to act so against the Hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : Interest, y^{e} : S^{d} Plank in 3^{d} : part is not, or will be used y^{e} Voyage, part of it being I suppose sold here, y^{e} Rest of it being on board wanting an Opertunity to be sold M^{r} : Spencer severall times telling Cap^{t} : Bybee it would yeald good moneys att Madrass or else where, and y^{t} : in labouring in y^{e} : woods in y^{e} : heat of y^{e} day & other Inconveniences Caused severall of our Men to be sick whereof some dyed.

5th. His calling M^{r} : Jardin severall names Challinged him out of y^{e} ffactory telling him y^{t} : his severity in England was better than his in India, & y^{t} he vallu'd no such pittifull fellows or to that effect, M^{r} : Goddard being then absent, but comeing and being told of M^{r} : Spencers abuesing of M^{r} : Jardin at y^{t} : severe Rate, Protested if he had been there he would have taught him, if not done him a mischeife, and went Imediatly on Board Ship to know y^{e} : Reason Cap^{t} : Bybee suffer'd such things, Cap^{t} Bybee tooke M^{r} Goddard into his Round house and us'd his endeavours to satisfie him and for Quietness sake our Cape Merch^{ts} Stird noe farther in it, M^{r} : Spencer Refraining to Come into y^{e} Factory, and they not takeing any notice of him at any time whilst we Remain'd at Syllibarr.

6th. After M^{r} : Jardin was gone to Indipoora, Cap^{t} : Bybee & M^{r} : Goddard dead, Senior Facinta Ribeira Sick at Syllibar and our Ship Riding in Bencoolen Road, his omitting to Signe y^{e} Invoyce of the Hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : goods, moneys, and debts, taking imediatly y^{e} : Invoyce into his owne Custody not permitting any to have a Coppy besid's himselfe soe y^{t} : he may make his acco^{ts} : as he pleases.

7th. Omitting all Consultations wth : those ℔sons desired and Impowred by M^{r} : Goddards last will and Testament, Commanding y^{m} : not to Concern themselves in or wth : y^{e} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : affair's, for he would act in every Respect as he pleas'd and he would be answerable for all y^{t} : he should doe, notwithstanding M^{r} : Goddards possitive words and will to the Contrary.

8th. After M^{r} : Goddards death his Rashness, Passion, & Indiscretion in the managem^{t} : of y^{e} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : affairs, not minding in whose presence he spoake, but Railing against y^{e} King calling him foole, ass, knave, or things to y^{t} : Effect, donning him wth : Severity wthout Pollicy Shoeing his Prejudice in both Looks and actions, till y^{e} King & Cap^{t} : Spencer became profest Enimies, Soe y^{t} : y^{e} King Sought all Opertunities to injure us and Poyson him, as his workeing and Transactions plainly shew'd and in probabilitys and Circumstances y^{e} King caused a baile of Cloth to be stole out of o^{r} Godowne caused y^{e} house to be sett on fire w^{ch} : he had given M^{r} : Jardin & M^{r} : Goddard, in theire time w^{ch} we lived in, w^{ch} : fire burnt all Bencolen and about 12 Prows, y^{e} : w^{ch} : if M^{r} : Jardin had bin there or M^{r} : Goddard living there had noe Such things happened, for y^{e} : King and they had Contracted a Reall ffriendship and Sheled it to each other, the King promising and Serving them to y^{e} utmost of his Power in y^{e} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : Interest, the King giving o^{r} : Cape Merch^{ts} the best House in y^{e} : towne to live in Gratis, and his whole Contry to y^{e} Hon^{ble} : Comp^{a} : all w^{ch} : things they accomplisht by there good managem^{t} : and Policy, w^{ch} : is to be feard is Effectually ruined by Cap^{t} : Spencer, especially if y^{e} Dutch or their Govern^{r} : w^{ch} : lives at Syllibar make us of this opertunity.

9th. His not takeing the Honble : Compas : Cloth into ye : upper Godowne, notwithstanding there was roome for 5 or 6 Times ye : quantity but suffer'd it to be in ye : lower Godowne, wth :out any People to watch or sleepe by it, soe yt there was a Bale of ye : Honble : Compas : Cloth Stole Capt : Spencer being inform'd and Cautiond of Theives yt : had made ye : like attempt before but prevent'd nearly by accident.

10th. His selling Incha Moode a baile of Cloth, Incha Moode goeing to Pay him he bid him keepe his mony, for he was comeing over to his house and would receive it there ye : Capt : haveing a Particular kindness for this Incha Moode or his Wife, he using to goe there very often, Incha Moode tooke ye bale of Cloth in Possession and Carried it to his house, and before Capt Spencer went to Receive ye : Moneys, Bencoolen and a [*lacuna in the original*] the Prowes was burnt Soe that Incha Moode lost all that he had in ye world Considerable, Soe yt Capt : Spencer as is suppos'd is willing to keepe his owne Councell and Charge it to ye Hon ble : Compas : account [as Burnt.]

11th. After Bencoolen was burnt to ye Honble : Compas : great loss ye Capt Swore and Rayld against ye King more then usuall and [fitted?] his Pinness with men Gunns and Amminition and goeing to Bencoolen mett wth three of the Kings Prows fir'd severall Gunns Tooke two of them and Putt one on Shoare, Capt : Spencer bringing on Board wth : him 12 Mallay's and Putt 2 of or men on board ye : other Prow they had taken, our two men being forct on Shore in yt : Prow ye : King in his immediate anger would have Cutt ym : in peeces, but that Oramkey Lille interceeded for there lives, then ye : Capt : went on Shoare wth : ye : Long boate and Pinness and ye : King by Oramkey Lillies mean's, came and discours'd ye : Capt : ye : Capt : Complain'd of ye Honble : Compas : great loss, and ye King complain'd of his, the [Comp] demanded ye : Honble : Compas : debts ye : King and Oramkey said, they would pay them in Pepper or moneys, & yt : they never denîd paying ym : Soe yt : ye : King said wn : ye : Capt : parted from him he had pd : the Honble : Compa theire full due, but ye : King and Capt : parted very strangely and discontentedly.

12th. His refusing to Stay till we had answers of or : Letters from Mr Jardin wch : we expected every day we having sent Messengers over Land and to returne wth : expedition and had bin gon 15 days, but he being Suspicious Mr : Jardin would have sent an order to have stopt him, or order'd him to Indipoora wth ye Ship as he [wrote] at first, but it is & was Certainly his desire and designe, yt he might never be troubled wth Mr Jardin to call him to an acct : or his Journall to declare his former Transactions, his not goeing to Indipoora wth : ye Ship notwithstanding Mr : Jardins possitive order, direct'd to Capt : Bybee & Mr : Goddard for by Consequence ye Sloope goeing thither, There was noe Impossibility of ye Ships goeing though it may be nott in soe short a time as the Sloope did, His Apology being yt or : men was sick and not Capable of working ye Ship, (wch : was frivilous) for or : men dayly recovr'd after they were taken from theire hard labour, & goeing in boats night & day, wett & dry, but Capt : Spencer never did Soe much as [putt] forth notwithstanding Mr : Goffe askt him why he would not goe to Indapoora or how he would answer, leiving Mr : Jardin & soe many men behind, but he answerd wth : soe much passion & prejudice yt : none darst mention it any more ye wind being sometimes of ye Shoar and other times out of ye Sea & a day or two before we sayld it happined to be large, & we might have made some hand of it towards Indipoora but not soe much as one attempt was made.

THO : FIFFE.
JONATH : PACKSERAUGH.

Most Hond : Sr :

Since itt has been ye : pleasure of two of my Ships Compa : to informe yor : Honr : of severall things yt : I have acted and done against ye : Honble : Compa :, I doe therefore declare yt : all yt : I have done & acted has been wholy for ye : Compas :

Intrest, altho' I have mett w^th^ [many] difficullties & troubles in this voyage, and can depositt upon oath I am £300 Sterl y^e^ worse for takeing this business in hand from S[i]llibar to this Port of Madrass.

As for my advising Cap^t^: Bybe to [miss S[i]llabar,] was by reason I was all togeather unacquainted there, & itt being y^e^ Westerly Monsoon & I having a Lea Shoar to deale w^th^: & not knowing the danger I advis'd him to [miss itt,] for on Sunday in y^e^: afternoon being y^e^: 19^th^: of October he would needs goe between y^e^: two Hands through y^e^ Couckeeses, notwithstanding I often disswaded him to y^e^ Contrary, but he would against all my disswasions goe through, soe y^t^: I would by noe means prevaile w^th^: him, haveing then a fresh gale of wind and thick weather, about four of y^e^ Clock in y^e^ afternoon, we had like to have runn ashoar, finding 9: fatham Water the first Casting and 7: fatham y^e^: next, then not being above halfe a mile from y^e^: shoar, and y^t^: a Lea shoar to deale w^th^: all, w^ch^: made me fearfull to deale w^th^: Syllibar, I not knowing y^e^: dainger, therefore did advise them to make towards y^e^: Streights of Sunda, and soe to pass through for y^e^: Island of Barnea, and had ship'd a man one of Cap^t^: Bowrys men, who had been two Voyages to y^e^: same place w^th^: said Cap^t^: & knew y^e^: Voyage & danger, therefore I did advise him to goe thither y^t^: we might not runn y^t^: Risque of Loosing both ship & Cargoe.

Article y^e^: 2^d^: As for my denying y^e^: Cape Merch^t^: men, to doe their business, it was not y^n^: in my power, for my Commander was y^n^: living, but I will make itt appear y^t^: y^e^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: has not less y^n^: 23 or 25 men dayley ashoar besides these men belonging to y^e^: Sloop, & y^t^: w^n^: they have not wrought so fast as they might and ought to have done, I have gone my selfe in y^e^: boat severall times to fetch Pepper on board w^ch^: we y^e^ Subscribers cann deposite upon Oath.

SWAN: SWANSON.
the marke of × ED: DUCKWORTH.
JOHN ALLEN.
JOHN RICHARDSON.

Article y^e^: 3^d^:

As for my arguing against doeing y^e^: Comp^as^ business I never did any such thing, butt did all y^t^ lay in my power to further itt, w^t^: I could by encourageing y^e^: men to lade & unlade ye: Ship as fast as they could by delivering Salt from on board & bringing Pepper on board w^th^: Prince & Yaule, makeing all y^e^: dispatch y^t^: possibly we could [it theñ] being a Lea Shoar and haveing been for y^e^ most part bad weather, & I knowing itt to be a Sickly place, I did therefore desire to make w^t^: dispatch I could to unlade & lade y^e^: Ship wherby I might gett her to Sea out of harmes way.

JOHN ALLEN.
JOHN RICHARDSON.
SWAN: SWANSON.
the marke of × ED: DUCKWORTH.

Article y^e^ 4^th^

As for my employing Carpenters dayly in y^e^: woods, it was to doe y^e^ [ships] business, whereby to make her capable of bringing y^e^: Comp^as^: goods safe through y^e^: Sea, I having then some beames broake, w^ch^: I was forced to Splice, and shoreing up my Gun deck, w^ch^: Stood then in great want and Sawing of Timber for severall places for w^ch^: I had much occasion, this I will allsoe prove by Oath & Servay.

JOHN ALLEN.
JOHN RICHARDSON.
SWAN SWANSON.
the marke of × ED: DUCKWORTH.

November y^e^ 4^th^: this day we went ashoar to hall y^e^ Long Boat [up, to] Clean her and made fast my Tackling to a Tree y^t^: y^e^: flagg Staffe stood on for to hall her up, but y^e^ ground being flatt and y^e^ Tree standing soe neer y^e^: Water

side y^{t}: I could by noe means hall her up high enough, insomuch y^{t}: I was forced to digg a hole to Lay y^{e} grapple in y^{e} ffactory yard, and in placeing y^{e}: Grapple M^{r}: Jardin was there, and ask'd me how I dearst be so sawcy for to place y^{e}: Grapple there, I told him that it was y^{e}: Comp^{as}: business and y^{t}: I would doe noe harme, upon w^{ch}: words passed between us, my Commander and M^{r}: Goddard being then present, soe having done & night comeing on my Commander and I went aboard togeather in y^{e}: boat, and there remain'd that night.

January y^{e}: 10th: about eight of y^{e}: Clock in y^{e}: morning, deceased my Cape Merch^{t}: M^{r}: John Goddard, and on y^{e}: eleventh in y^{e}: morning we buried him, and tooke a ℔ticular acco^{t}: of all his goods and Cash, not touching any thing, only Sitting Still and left them [to] be looked over by y^{e} [Docter] of y^{e}: Ship and other [onely seizing the] Cash first, and they telling itt after me againe as allsoe y^{e} Comp^{as}: Cash, of w^{ch}: w^{n}: I had taken a just acc^{t}:, I asked M^{r}: Goffee for his Inventory of all y^{t} he [had] taken an acc^{t}: of on board and soe left off for that time

JOHN ALLEN.
JOHN RICHARDSON.
EDWARD DUCKWORTH.

After y^{e} death of M^{r}: Goddard and all things settled on board y^{e}: 12th: in y^{e}: Morning I went a Shoar to take an acc^{t} of y^{e}: Comp^{as}: goods and likewise M^{r}: Goddards, and after I came a Shoar being taken ill I was forced to lye downe till I had taken an acc^{t}: of y^{e}: Comp^{as}: goods, and after they had taken an acc^{t}: y^{e} King being not in Towne, I desired M^{r}: Baxter to expose of y^{e}: Comp^{as}: goods to saile, not needing of any Consultation, the goods haveing a sett price put upon them, and I not thinking to sell them under, thought there was noe need att that time for Consultation.

SWAN SWANSON.
the marke of O. JOHN WILLIAMSON.

Then overhalling y^{e} books found y^{e}: King of Bencoolen indebted to y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: 1200 Royalls ⅝ for w^{ch}: he had rec̄d in mony and goods, soe having settled all things wth: him, and agreed to way Pepper, some time after, I remand y^{e}: Comp^{as}: mony, he often telling me I should have itt in Pepper, soe holding mee off fair for some time, telling y^{t}: his Prowes were all lost till I was allmost Laden, y^{n}: I dayly asking him for itt, he told me he would pay me in mony, but never gave me any, and still prest on me to have goods wth: out mony, but I gave him none, giving him to understand y^{t} I was but a Serv^{t}: and could not lett him have goods wth: out mony, untill he had paid me for y^{e}: [former,] but dayley giving him small ℔sents y^{e} 26: Jan^{ry}: both y^{e} Kings came on board y^{e}: Ship, w^{n}: I treat'd wth: w^{t}: she afforded and gave them many small ℔sents to their satisfaction and carried y^{m}: aShoar in my one boat, y^{e}: next day I went a shoar to doe y^{e}: Comp^{as}: business, and w^{n}: we came ashoar we ware great friends, he dayly supplying me wth; Prows afterwards, in soe much y^{t} y^{e}: same night y^{e}: Towne was burned he lent me three Prow's we never having an angry [word] all y^{e}: time I was there

JOHN ALLEN.
JOHN RICHARDSON.
SWAN SWANSON.

In M^{r}: Goddards time, he fenced in y^{e}: house Round wth: sticks and Matts, for to putt y^{e}: Pepper and goods in itt, and left in itt att his decease severall Bales, sœ haveing y^{e}: same People on shoar I did not take [these] goods out of y^{e}: Goodowne, and y^{e}: Kings house standing next to ours, and he and I being friends I thought they might have been there as safe as formerly, y^{e}: 30th: of January I went ashoar, and as soon as I came a Shoar I heard they had stolen a bale of Cloth out of y^{e}: lower Godowne, soe I sent for y^{e}: King, but tooke no notice y^{t}: I had lost a bale of goods, and held on discourse till night concerning y^{e}: Comp^{as}: affairs, and att y^{e}: end of our discourse he went home, soe soon as he was come home he sent

his men wth : Gong all over ye : Towne to give notice y^{t} : if any man could give him a true acc^{t} : of y^{e} : men y^{t} : stole the Bale he should be rewarded wth : one hundred Dollers.

The 6 of February in y^{e} : morning I went on board, and in y^{e} : afternoon went ashoar againe, and carri'd wth : me Candles and Papper to write y^{e} Comp^{as} : letters for to leave for M^{r} : Jardin or y^{e} : next English ship that should come, and carried ashoar wth : me three Bales, one of white Long Cloth of my Commanders, and one of Gobars & one of blew Long Cloth, y^{e} Bale of Blew Long Cloth I agreed to Cudda Mooda for 120 Royalls $\frac{8}{8}$ and desired y^{e} : Boatswain who was y^{n} in y^{e} : boat, to leave itt att his house, Carrying y^{e} : Bale of Gobars up into y^{e} : Factory, y^{e} : King being there he would needs have y^{e} : Bale wth : out mony, I told him I could by noe means lett him have itt wth : out paying for, wherefore he tooke halfe a Courge and paid me for itt, after w^{ch} : y^{e} : towne was immediately set on fire burning downe all y^{e} : Towne & att y^{e} : least 15 : Prowes in less then two howers time, and had like to have Cutt us all off, these two Persons y^{t} : informe against me being then on board our Ship, all w^{ch} : y^{e} : whole Ships Comp^{a} : can justifie

JOHN ALLEN.
SWAN SWANSON.

Article Y^{e} : 11 :

February y^{e} : 6th : after Bencoolen was burning, and I had gott safe on board wth : w^{t} : goods & Cash I had sav'd of y^{e} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : called a Consultation, to see if itt might be safe for me to goe in wth : my Boat, to see if I could take any Prowes to make satisfaction for the wrong done y^{e} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{a} : soe soon as I came a shoar I mett wth : two Prowes, one of w^{ch} : I tooke, disarm'd y^{e} : men, and left three of their men y^{e} : Natives [in]her, and putt two of my owne men in her well armed, and putt y^{e} other Prow aShoar, y^{e} : third I also tooke wth : 12 : Bahars of Pepper and 12 Men, w^{ch} I detain'd to make part of the Satisfaction belonging to y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} : y^{e} [12th do] I went in wth : boath boats to treat wth : y^{e} : King, and to demand further satisfaction belonging to y^{e} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{a} : who sent two of his men wth : [my]Linguester, who told me y^{e} : King desired me to goe into the River, soe I went in wth : boath Boats well arm'd to treat wth : him, Soe soon as I came in I sent for both Kings, who immediatly came into y^{e} boat of whom I demanded Satisfaction for y^{e} : wrong done y^{e} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{a} : it being in their spetiall Commission, to take sink burne or distroy any y^{t} : should offer them any wrong in those parts, but after a long discourse concerning y^{e} : Towne burning, and w^{ch} : way we might have sattisfaction for y^{e} : wrongs done me they told me itt was none of their faults, but that it was y^{e} : Country People, who had threatned to burne it severall years before, and told me moreover that they had lost all y^{t} : ever they were worth both in Houses & Prowes, but they had saved my Pepper y^{t} : remain'd in y^{e} : Prowes, w^{ch} : was about twenty Bahar att least, and still perseveering in my demand of y^{e} : King for y^{e} : Comp^{as} : afores^{d} : debt, who s^{d} : he would pay mee, and att my coming away gave me y^{e} : summe of 221 Roy^{ls} $\frac{8}{8}$, it not being halfe y^{e} debt due to y^{e} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{a} :, and told me y^{t} : I had recd : 15 Bahars of Pepper, w^{ch} : was not payed for, wherefore I came aboard & overhald y^{e} books, and found noe such thing, upon w^{ch} : I immediately sent M^{r} : Baxter a shoar againe, wth : M^{r} : Allin, to demand y^{e} : remaining part of y^{e} : mony, but [they]could not obtaine any, the King att that time being in want both of mony and goods, soe y^{t} they were faine to come back on board wth : out either.

JOHN ALLEN.
SWAN SWANSON.

Article y^{e} 12th :

The ship being now fully Laden and haveing a full Cargo of Pepper in her besides some 35 bales of y^{e} : Comp^{as} : wth : Cash about y^{e} : Summe of 180 Dollars being very deep, I thought it not convenient to stay any longer on y^{t} : Coast, having for y^{e} : most ℔^{t} : bad weather, and haveing not above 17 men fitt for service, and

being not willing to runn any Risgoe of y^e^ Ship and Comp^as^ : Concernes, I thought itt might be most safe and for y^e^ : Comp^as^ : Interest to come directly for Fort St. George, there to deliver my lading I then had in, and refresh my men, and man my Ship better, soe that I might be better capable of goeing there againe in a short time w^ch^ I might have obtained from Fort St. George in five or six weaks, w^ch^ : then I should have been capable of takeing in any such goods, y^t^ might have been ready for me w^n^ I should come there, whereas before I was not capable of takeing in any goods having my hold full of y^e^ : Comp^as^ : Pepper, & some between decks I not coming away because I feard M^r^ : Jardins calling [me to an] acco^t^ : must needs be falce for if I had fear'd of being call'd to [acct] I could have lett itt alone, and not have concern'd myselfe in respect there w^th^ : and now if any man or men can swear that I have wrong'd y^e^ : Comp^a^ : in any respect as to matter of Cash or goods, for w^ch^ : they have tax'd me, I desire they may be sworne and make itt appear in w^t^ ℔ticulars, and on w^t^ acc^t^ : either by defraud or any other way w^t^ : soever, and I shall be ready to give as good satisfaction as shall be requir'd

JOHN SPENCER.

PORTO NOVO MAY 18^TH^ 1685.

TO THE HON^BLE^ : W^M^ : GYFFORD ESQ^R^ :
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R^ : &CA : COUNCELL
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T^ : HON^BLE^ : ENGLISH
EAST IND^A^ : COMP^A^ : ON COAST
CHORMANDELL AND BAY BENGALL FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon^ble^ : S^r^ : &c^a^ :

Wee have rec̃d : yo^rs^ : of y^e^ : 4^th^ : past and are heartily Sorry you cannot Supply o^r^ : wants the Merch^ts^ : being continually pressing us for mony, but well considering y^e^ : ℔sent state of affairs, wee shall divert y^m^ : the best we can in giving y^m^ : the hopes of a speedy supply, for our acc^ts^ : w^th^ : them formerly gave you an acc^t^ : how they stood for M^r^ : Ords Acc^ts^ : confirme him to be a debt^r^ : to y^e^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ : to the amount of w^t^ : formerly advised.

Yo^r^ : blanck ord^rs^ : shall be filled and deliver'd to y^e^ : Command^rs^ : as soon as any of them arrive and they imediatly dispatch'd towards you, but if there shall be any necessity of detaineing any of them shall according to yo^r^ : order dispatch y^e^ : R^t^ : Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ : pacquett w^th^ : perticulars.

Yo^r^ : letters were imediatly dispatch'd to y^e^ : Govern^r^ : of Trimcumbar, and now forward you w^t^ : Lr̃es rec̃d : from him.

Wee now forward you our Diary & Consultations, for Jan^ry^ : ffeb^ry^ : March, & Aprill to w^ch^ : desire you will bee pleased to bee referred.

Wee have endeavour'd w^t^ : possibly to obliege the Merch^ts^ : here to take of y^e^ : Europe goods, w^ch^ : they will by noe meanes be ℔ swaded to, not being obleiged thereto by Contracts but promise to take them off on y^e^ next investm^t^ : Please to Consid^r^ : to supply us w^th^ mony for complying w^th^ : our Contract here, being to y^e^ : amount of Pag^s^ : 40,000, of w^ch^ : paid y^e^ : Merch^ts^ : but 20,000, w^ch^ : w^th^ : the addittion of their owne stock oblieges them to bring into y^e^ : am^t^ : of Pag^s^ : 30,000, Soe y^t^ :, there is still to be advanced to them Pag^s^ : 10,000, w^th^out w^ch^ : they declare they cannot comply w^th^ : o^r^ : Investm^t^ : w^ch^ : is y^e^ : needfull at Present from

Hon^ble^ : S^r^ : &^ca^ :
Your most humble Serv^ts^ :
JN^O^ : DAVIS.
RALPH INGRAM.
W^M^ : CAWLEY.

P.S.—You will find by o^{r}: acc^{t}: of Cash how we have been streightned for mony, and to supply o^{r}: Present Occasions have been forced to take itt up att Interest w^{ch}: very much tends to y^{e}: Dishono^{r}: of y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble} Comp^{a}: in these parts. Therefore desire yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &^{ca} to assist us wth: a speedy supply, & not being able to wthstand itt any longer our Creditt being soe Low

Idem.
J.D.
R.I.
W.C.

TRANSLATE OF A LRE: FROM BRAMENY LINGAPPA FROM SEREPE TO Y^{E}: HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{r}: AND GOVERN^{R}: DATED MAY 1685.

I enjoy good health and shall be very glad to hear y^{e}: like from yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: I rec^{d}: the two friendly letters yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: sent me and have observ'd y^{e}: Contents thereof, w^{ch}: are greatly to my sattisfaction, you writeing me therein, you had sent me a small Elephant, w^{ch}: I am inform'd is to little for my use att ꝑsent but for y^{e}: future (w^{n} it's growne up) it may be serviceable, yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: may please to consider y^{t} I am supply'd wth Elephants, y^{t}: come from Acheen Racan and Zeilon, because yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: sent itt in a friendly way I do not senditt back att ꝑsent (w^{ch}: you might like ill) y^{r}: Hon^{r}: being an understanding ꝑson I need not enlarge farther best desire yo^{r}: farther Commands.

TRANSLATE OF A LRE FROM BRAMENEYS SANGANA AND NARRANAPA FROM CONJEVERON TO Y^{E} HON^{BLE} W^{M} GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{r}: AND GOVERNOUR DATED MAY 1685.

Wee enjoy good health, and shall rejoyce to hear of your Hon^{r}: by this Conveyance yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: will receive a letter from his Excellency, w^{ch}: we carefully forwarded, w^{ch}: yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: may please to ꝑuse and take y^{e}: Contents into yo^{r}: Consideration, Lingapa order'd us to send up Chynapatams rent mony, w^{ch}: yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: may please to send, Either ready mony to us, or a bill of Exchange to his Excellency, & accquaint us in yo^{r}: next, w^{ch}: way you designe to send itt, we shall not enlarge only desire yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: to keep yo^{r}: love towards us, and Command us in yo^{r}: service.

PETTIPOLLEE 9TH: MAY 1685.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{r}: OF FORT S^{T}: GEORGE COAST OF CORMANDELL GINGERLEE BAY OF BENGALL & ORIXA &C^{A} RESPECTIVE COUNCELL.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &^{ca}:

I rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of y^{e}: 9th: Curr^{t} the 16th: and understand by that y^{or}: Hon^{r}: &^{ca}: will proceed to y^{e} Concluding M^{r}: Wheelers business as also to y^{e}: Comparing of the ffactory Musters of Cloth wth: those of y^{e}: goods gone home notwithstanding the Merchants being absent.

I found nothing in yo^{rs}: y^{t} ordered mee to accquaint the Merch^{ts}: wth: yo^{r}: proceeding therefore tooke noe notice of itt to them, neither have they been in y^{e} ffactory since their giving in of their last answer.

The Pag^{s}: 500 w^{ch}: I brought downe wth: me for the Expences of y^{e}: ffactory is allready consumed y^{e} ffactory being indebted att my arrivall here I desired y^{t}: you would be pleas'd to send me Some supply speedily for att the end of this month the ffactory will be indebted.

I did not presume to trouble yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &^{ca}: wth: the acc^{t}: of Cash or Stewards acc^{ts}: because in yo^{rs}: of y^{e}: 9th: March last you possitively order'd me to give an acc^{t}: of y^{e}: expences of this ffactory w^{ch}: I have been att during my

residence to y^e^ Cheife w^ch^ : yo^r^ : Hon^r^ : &^ca^ : shall think fitt to send hither this being the needfull att ꝑsent I crave leave to Remaine

Hon^ble^ : S^r^ : &^ca^
Your most : faithfull & obed^t^ : Servant.
BENJA : NORTHEY.

PORTO NOVO JUNE Y^E^ : 1^st^ : 1685.

TO THE HON^BLE^ : W^M^ : GYFFORD
ESQ^R^ : PRESID^T^ : & GOVERN^E^ : &^CA^ :
COUNCELL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon^ble^ : S^r^ : &^ca^ :

These serves to advise of y^e^ : arrivall of Ship Kempthorne Cap^t^ John Kempthorne Commander who advises wee may speedily expect y^e^ : arrivall of Shipps Chandoys Cap^t^ : James Bonnell & y^e^ : Wellfaire Cap^t^ : Isaack Pearle Comand^rs^ : and y^t^ : y^e^ : nation att home is in peace and Tranquility.

Wee shall as soone as possible dispatch this Ship for Conimero, in order to her proceeding to you being now laden our goods att Porto Novo w^ch^ : w^n^ : done shall Lade [w^t^] in readiness att Coodaloore w^ch^ : we hope may be effected in a few days.

Wee now forward towards you y^e^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ : Pacquett with a Bage of Perticular letters.

Wee formerly wrote to you the needfull as to affairs here to w^ch^ : referred, and yo^r^ : advices, and y^e^ : Comand^r^ : for y^e^ State of affaires att home, w^n^ : itt shall please God to arrive the other two ships w^th^ : us shall be imeadiately dispatcht towards you w^ch^ : w^th^ : the tend^r^ : of our respects is needfull att Present from

Hon^ble^ : S^r^ : &^ca^ :
Your hon^rs^ : most hum^ble^ : & obedient Serv^ts^ :
JN^O^ : DAVIS.
RALPH INGRAM.
W^M^ : CAWLEY.

P.S.—If yo^r^ : Hon^r^ : &^ca^ : have gott any Rentac^rs^ unsold bee pleas'd to forward them hither by the first Conveyance here being now an oppertunity of Sayle for them.

IDEM.
R.I.
W.C.

METCHLEPATAM Y^E^ : 21^st^ : MAY 1685.

TO Y^E^ : HON^BLE^ : W^M^ : GYFFORD ESQ^R^ :
PRESID^T^ : & GOVERN^R^ : OF FFORT
ST. GEORGE &^CA^ : COUNCELL.

Hono^ble^ : S^r^ : &^ca^ ;

Wee now acknowledge y^e^ : Receipt of two of yo^rs^ : dated the 2^d^ : Aprill and 7^th^ : May the former of w^ch^ : should have been answer'd long before now had not some indisposition of Rob^t^ : Freeman and y^e^ : absence of some of o^r^ : Merch^ts^ : impeded, y^e^ : Bill for Pag^s^ : [1]0,000 to be borrow'd of y^e^ : Dutch Cheife wee have not thought fitt to offer well knowing he will not Spare itt for the Space of time you require being to goe for Batavia before that can be expired therefore have slighted his offer w^th^ : a presence of haveing no occasion for it.

What Cloth our Merch^{ts}: had formerly lying upon their hands have since been forc[t] to dispose off as they pretend for a supply of money having very considerably advanced for y^{e} R^{t} Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: this last year and y^{e} promises w^{ch} the Hon^{ble}: Presid^{t}: gave them of a speedy supply if they would advance was understood to be for that present shipping w^{ch}: they ℔form'd nothing being mentioned of the ensueing year.

M^{r}: Griffith dissapointm^{t}: of proceeding downe into the Bay upon the Vessell he came hither was soone supplyed wth: a better and he is gone.

Wee have Creditted you for the charge upon silver sent ℔ M^{r}: Lucas according to order Pag^{s}: 80 and also for y^{e} paper Pag^{s}: 17: 14:—w^{ch}: tho' much damaged may serve for Severall uses in time.

The paying away Pag^{s} 5000 to our Creditors we hope will appear no bad peice of Service in the end tho' contrary to order for wee were necessitated thereto, and have since ℔swaded our Merch^{ts}: to contract for the bringing in goods to y^{e}: value of Pag^{s}: 30,000 by the Ultim^{o}: July next notwithstanding the great summe due to them & others whose patience in forbearance wee have gain'd for 2 m^{os} longer by good words and fair promises of a punctuall complyance in that time.

Wee have not heard any thing more from o^{r} Govern^{r}: since present'd him wth: Pag^{s}: 300 to suppose him well enough satisfied he understanding o^{r}: present condition wee beleive so well as our Selves.

Wee equally joyne our most Zealous prayers for Success to the great designe the Shipps Resolution and Defence are gone upon w^{ch}: may make the loss of Bantam invalid to o^{r}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Masters & y^{e}: Nation.

Our books being Ballanced Rob^{t}: Freeman according to y^{e} liberty granted him intends God willing to be journeying towards you in a day or two, to whom please to be referr'd for a further Acc^{t}: of the state of affaires in this place and in w^{t}: condition the ffactory will be left by him without one Cash of mony to defray the monthly expences thereof, w^{ch}: wee humbly entreat you to take into consideration and speedily Supply

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &^{ca}

Your most humble & Obedient Serv^{ts}:

ROB^{T}: FREEMAN.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.
SAM^{LL}: SWYNOKE.

MADAPOLLAM MAY 12TH: 1685.

To Y^{E}: HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}
PRESID^{T}: FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^{E}: R^{T}: HON^{BLE}:
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{A}: &^{CA}: COUNCELL.

Hon^{ble}: Sir &^{ca}:

Wee have recd̃: 2 generall Lr̃es from yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: bareing date y^{e}: 2^{d}: Aprill last & y^{e}: 4th: Curr^{t}: y^{e}: first recd̃: y^{e}: 17th: last month, & y^{e}: latter y^{e}: 11th: of this, to y^{e}: former whereof wee should have given a more early reply but y^{t}: y^{e}: Year being expir'd, we have been employ'd to finish all acc^{ts}: in y^{e}: ffactory, to be entr'd in y^{e}: Gen^{ll}: book's y^{t}: so y^{e}: might be brought to ballance in due time according to order.

The Pag^{s}: 70 charges on y^{e} Silver brought hither by M^{r}: Tho: Lucas is pass'd to y^{e}: Creditt of acc^{t}: Curr^{t}: ffort S^{t}: George.

M^{r}: Nath^{ll}: Gyffords sallary is paid to M^{r}: Benjamin Northey according to yo^{r}: order.

Wee have advis'd [Pendecon] Ankana Timber Merch^{t} of y^{e} Demensions of y^{e}: Timbers of hard wood for y^{e} use of y^{e} Sugar Mills att St. Helena, who hath promis'd to use his endeavours for procuring 10 such peices, but would not engage possitively to Provide them.

The Gener[ll] books are ballanc'd y[e] ballance is drawne out as also acc[t]: Curr[t]: ffort S[t]: George, both w[ch]: we have here enclos'd Sent to yo[r]: Hon[r]: &[a]:

Wee have advis'd Sen[r]: Jn[o]: Demarke, y[t]: he may repaire to inhabitt att ffort S[t]: George, w[n]: he pleases, & that yo[r]: Hon[r]: &[ca] promises him nõ imposition, more y[n]: the due Custome of the place shall be laid upon him, he seems very desirous of y[e] repairing to y[e]: ffort, and as he tells us, has removed all his concerns from Metchlepat[m]: where y[e]: Govern[r]: has used him very ill, and y[t]: he intends as soon as a ship of about 50 Coveds Keele, now on y[e]: Stocks is finished to put his concerns a board & come up to y[e]: ffort he tells us he hath writ[t] so much to yo[r]: &[ca]:

The Paper sent ℔ a Countrey boat amo[t]: ing to Pag[s]: 17: 14: wee have given Creditt for, & sent y[e]: bundle for Vizagapat[m]: forward as also that of Metchlep[a]:

Yo[r]: Hon[r]: &[ca] in yo[r]: gener[ll]: of y[e] 4[th] Cur[t]: advise us y[e]: rec[t]: of y[e]: Pacquett ℔ y[e]: Sloop Thomas from Bengall w[th]: y[e]: Gen[ll]: papers of this ffactory; our exclud'd Merchts: want only mony, w[ch]: if they had been f[u]rnish'd w[th]: wee beleive they would not have insist'd on a distinct joynt stock by y[m]: selves, w[t]: orders you shall please to give hereafter concerning it shall be observ'd by us, in y[e]: meane time we have pd Collipelle Narso &[ca] Merch[ts] Pag[s]: 4000, and they have contract'd to bring in y[e]: joynt stock mony 10,500 w[ch] added thereto mak[e]s 14,500 for w[ch]: they have contract'd to bring in goods in 2½ months time, from y[e]: 22[th]: Aprill according to their Contract & Consultation y[t]: day, Viz[t]: 6000 Pag[s]: in ord[ry]: goods & 8500 Pag[s]: in fine goods, w[ch]; are all y[e]: course goods wee could possibly engage y[m]: to provide in so short a time, and y[t]: if they should fall short 1000 Pag[s]: in Course goods, they may bee ℔mitt'd to make up in y[e] fine, & so if they should faile y[t]: Sume: in y[e]: fine, they be ℔mitted to bring y[e] am[t]: in course goods, and noe Advantage taken against them if they make it appeare they have used their uttmost Endeavours for the provision of each sort according to their Contract.

The Ballance due to the Merch[ts] of this Factory is Pag[os]: 7465: 18: 2 which is all y[t]: is owing in this Factory.

Wee sent for Pendecon Anka Timber merch[t] and accquainted him with youre order to us for building a sloop of 100 or 125 Tonns & Demanded if he would undertake to be ready to send her downe in the Bay by August next, he tells us he can't proceed therin without 500 or 1,000 Pagodas payd him in hand which wee are not in Cash to doe, therfore sent for Sancko Narso & propounded the building of her to him which he is willing to undertake and begin now and desires y[t]: in a short time he may be supply'd with 4 or 500 Pagodas to goe on with her and at the same time y[t]: you will please to give order whether shee must be sheathed and Cield or not.

Wee have sent our Consultations Diary Account Cash & Stewards Expences for the moneth past wee shall be as frugall in the Factory Expences as possible which with our most humble services present[d] Concludes these from

Hono[ble]: S[r]: &c[a]:
Your most Humble serv[ts]:
SAMUEL WALES.
RICH: BREERETON.
CHARLES FOWNES.

DUTCH PROTEST &C[a]:

Joannes Camphuÿs Govern[r]: General, ende Raden van India wegens den staet van de Nederlantse geoctroÿeerde oost Indishe Comp[a]: Insinueren, ende maeken bÿ desen bekent aen den reght honorabelen Heer William Gyfford, Govern[r]: wegens de honorabele Engelse Comp[a]: tot Chormandel ende Bengalen, Residerende In't Fort S[t]: George tot Madraspatam, dat wy tot ons groot misnoegen, uÿt het schrÿven van onsen Command[r]: Jan van Leen en den Raed ter westcuste van Sumatra gedateert 25 [Merty] Jongst leten verstaen hebben hoe doet

seecker Engels Cap^{t}: genaemt Clement duJardin met een groot' schip nevens een kleÿn Jaghtie ter voorn: custe Int begin deses Jaers verschenen sÿnde ende voorgevende met UEd^{s} Commissie ende credentialen Geinstrùeert ende gemùnieert te sÿn niet alleen om op alle plaetsen ter voorsz cũste daer wij geen logie hebben aen te loopen ende d'selve In possessie te nemen, maer om oocq oorlogh en vreede te maeken (sonder eenige de minste Limitatie) met alleen sig haen gematight heer de Inlanderen van Sillebaer, alwaer hÿ eerst arriveerde ende die eÿgentlijcke onderdanen van den Conincq van Bantam Zijn, te necessiteren haeren peper aen Hem tot volkomen laedingh van sÿn schip ende vaertuÿgh te Vercoopen, ende toetebrengen, ende d' E: Comp^{a}: alsoe te frusteren ende te ontsetten de vrùghten van dat land, die Haer door den soùverain dier plaetse den tegen woordigen Coninck van Bantam om de excessive oncosten aende aen Hem gedaene assistentie als eÿgen gemaeckt, ende sodaenigh g'addiceert Zynde, dat niemand de nederland^{s}: haere Comp^{a}: ooÿt daervan soùde kùnnen eenige negotie doen, ende sũlcx het expectatÿff dier lants vrùghten als eijgen goet, ende tot een perpetual domain op de wettighste ende raisonabelste wÿse van de werelt verkregen heeft maer heeft oock den gemelten M^{r} Clement du Jardin soo verre sigh tegens onsen staet, en den gerùsten, en vredigen toestant van dien laeten vervoeren, dat hij nat stabileceren van een Logie tot sillebarr voorn^{t}: overgestapt sijnde uijt sijn groot schip In het kleÿndere Jaghtie de Rochester In persoon noordwaerts op-vaerende tot de Reviere van Indrapoura, een Land sijnde alwaer wij vãn ouden tÿden niet alleen door exclusive Contracten, gepreveligieert sijn alleen te mogen handeln, maer oocq door veele gepresteerde secoursen aen den sulthan, ende montreÿs dier plaetse, ende andere bewesen weldladen, meer tot protecteurs, ende beschermheeren versoght ende aengenomen sijn, met een genoeghsame overgif te ende opdraghte dierlanden (welckers frequentatie ende negotie reets aen ons alleen, ende privativelÿck bevoorens geconcedeert sijn) aen ons gedaen, ende noch Jonghst In den Jaere 1680 nader geconfirmeert, ende bevestight is, waervan wij oock tot nogh de possessie, en't gebruijck oeffenen ende exerceren welcke Réviere en 't Land Van Indrapoura de voorn M^{r}: Clement du Jardin niet alleen niet geschroomt heeft. In te vaeren, maer om sijn desseijn te beter na sijn goet duncken te doen succederen te raede geworden is tegen wil der 20 montrijs of te raets heeren, terwijle den sultan In optoght tegen de Radja van majutta was, aldaer met gewelt possessie te nemen, verbiedende de vaertuijgen die daer met peper volladen ende gereet lagen na gewoonte tot onse naeste Residentie aff te comen, ende eenige die 'tselve onderstonden te doen, belettende ende besettende tot dat den sulthan weder gekeert sijnde, hÿ m^{r}: Clement duJardin denselven, ende eenige sijner montrijs door gif ten ende gaven, mitsgaders abusive uijtstrooijselen, Intimideringe ende beroeringen soo verre heeft weten te Indúceren dat hij die sigh ende sijne landen, d' E Comp^{a} onderworpen heft en Indeselfs tutele en bescherminge aengenomen was, tegens alle eer en trouwe van deselve affvallige geworden ende also alle sijne landen aen Hem M^{r}: Clement duJardin In qualite soo als hij sigh aen-matight te Intituleren op-gedraegen, nevens de privative ende totaele negotie In deselve Dit soude nogh de minste sijn, Indient niet den selven, M^{r}: Clem^{t} [du Jardin] sigh oock aengematight hadde buijten^{t} g' not dat hÿ hier üyt schijnt te beoogen, ende de concequente schade van de nederlantse Comp^{a}: aen te reghten, sacken, die onse Vreede, ruste, en goede overeencomste met onse verdere bond genoten aldaer Comen breecken, ende te krencken, een sacke sijnde die Indiense voor de hooghste misdoet Inde borgerlijcke reghten gerekent Werdt (namentlijck te maeken dat de uytheemsche natien, ende geconfereerde sigh tegens de Republijck aenkanten) vervolgens oock In't reght der volckeren van geen minder Insight kan gehouden werden, Indien't namentlijck een onderdaen van een bondt genoot, Jae geloofs genood, ende dat noch een die [s]igh niet betoont van [s]ÿne souveraine ofte desselfs gedelegeerde daer toe gequalificeert te Zÿn, onderstaet de vreede, ende de goede harmonie die sijn, bondtgenood met andere natien heeft te ontrusten, ende dat Insonderheijt ontrent sodaenige die niet door een Esgael verbond In onse vruntschap gerecipeirt, maer door't success van onse Waepenen daer In sodaeniger

gebraght sijn dat sij onse superioriteijt eeniger matens te observeren hebben, ende waer door wij met alle reght sinnige verstanden sustineren 'treght der volckeren ten Hooghsten ende op't gevoeligste gevioleert te Zijn, gelijck hij m^r^: Clement duJardin geen mindere Inbreucke In'tselve Reght der volckeren toegebraght heeft door de violente handelingen ende proceduren tegen de gedeputeerde van onse voorn Comm^d^: Jan van Leen en den Raet ter Westcust van sumatra gepleeght met namen, salamon vermeeren, en Jacob Claasz tot majnctenue van onse Reght met twee Chialoupen nae Indrapoura gesonden, sijnde om In alle civiliteijt Hem m^r^: Clement du Jardin te Certiereren van de voorreghten en concessien der landen ende negotie van Indrapoura de E:nederlantse Comp^a^: g'atribueert sijnde, met vriendelijck versoeck om van daer te willen vertrecken, welcke lieden Hoewel meest daeromme met twee chialoupen affgesonden waeren om 't Jaghtie de Rochester van de Engelse Comp^a^: dat men op padangh verstaen hadde In de Indrapournase Revier aen de grond vast te leggen, te hulp te comen, ende naegelegenth^t^: van saecken te redden; op Haere aencomste ende In't opvaeren der Riviere g'advanceert sijnde tot omtrent die plaets, daer de voorn Jaghtie Rochester Lagh, door Last van Hem Clem^t^: duJardin verboden sijn verder op te vaeren, ende sulcx niet parerende door die van't Jaghtie met Het stellen van haere bassen nae de onse toe gedwongen sijn geworden haere dregge te laeten vallen, krijgende voorts geen audientie bÿ hem als door het gedrangh van verscheÿde gewaepende sumatranen, en andere die hij[r] ende In sijn aldaer opgestelt woonhuijs geposteert had. Wij sullen In desen voorbygoen [en] onhebbelijcke woorden, ende bejegeningen, de schelt woorden, ende superbe Lasteringen, door hem Clement du Jardin (die sigh reets Sulthan van Indrapoura Intituleert) sooteegens den genen die daer van on sent wegen 't & Comande voert, al[s] tegens desselfs ondertekende Insinuatie, als wanneer die door de voorsz gedeputeerde overhandight wierde, uijttet [ ] konnen Wij niet nalaeten ons ten hooghsten aen te trecken dat de voorsz gedeputeerdens, welckers persoonen, goederen, en geselschap 'treght der volckeren altijt Inviolabel, oock selfs onder de barbaren gehouden Rect geforceert sijn geworden door Inroepinge van gewaepende mannen Haere Instructie aen Hem over te geven, ende om welcke te krijgen Hij m^r^: Clem^t^: du Jardin niet geschroomt en heeft een van haer beijden In hostagie te houden ter tijt en wijle dat den anderen d' selve uijt d' Chialoup soude gehaelt hebben, ende by Hem gebraght, abwaer sijne Indiscretie oock sooverre heeft uijtgebreijt, dat hij de Instructie uijt haere handen namende, ende bij sigh steeckende, niet eer heeft willen weder geven dan na dat Hem daer van een autentijcke Copia beloofd ende oock overgegeven was, ende als wanneer oocq onse gedeputeerdens op de aldervuijlste wijse soo seer niet haere depestre als wel haere largatie verkregen. Continuerende den voorn Clement du Jardin voorts In't beroeren der verdere bondgenoten van de nederlantse Comp^a^: daer omtrent met opentlijcke betuyginge als of d' engelse Comp^a^: daer op nu teenemael uijt was om occagie te soeken, ende te maeken, waer door sij met de nederlantse Comp^a^: brouilleren moghte, gelijck als de vermenginge van Eenige Zijner Engelse onder de affgevalle bondgenoot met Engelse vlaggen tot offentie der noch getrouwe geblevene bondgenoten daer van genoeghsame blijcken, begint te geven.

Wij sullen ons niet Inlaeten bij desen verder te verclaren hoedanige mesures ons dese voorvallen sullen necessiteren te nemen, maer alleenlijck dit hier by voegen, dat Wij Intrest van onse Heeren, en meesters, noch de Eygendemmen, ende voorrreghten van de 1: nederlantse Comp^a^: welckers besorginge aen ons trouwe aenbevoolen is, niet Zullen kunnen verwaerloosen, niet te min gedachtigh wesende aende naeuwe alliance die der tusschen de croone van Engeland en onsen staet is, ende niet min genegen tot alle vrede liventheijt aende onderdanen van Hooogh gedachte croone, die alhoewelse (Insonderheijt die hier In Indien Zijn) te groote ende successive tekenen van waere bondgenooten van ons erlangen, ende ons alleen naest den albestierende godt te dancken hebben over de behoudenisse van haer leven, ende goederen Inden Jaere 1682 voor de niet onreghtveerdige wraeke van den Coninck Van Bantam wiens rebellen sij geadsisteert hadden; noch-

tans In dese ende In andese gelegentheden sulcx weijnigh erkennen, maer Eer ter Contrarie gelieven te babticeren.

Om [Alle]' twelcke den Gouvr: Generael, ende Raeden van India dan te Raede sjin geworden den Reght honorabelen Heer Gouvernr: William Gifford ernstighlyck te Insinueren, In de op't minsaemst te versoeken, gelijck geschiet by desen promtelijck te willen ordonneren, ende besorgen dat de voorñ mr: Clement du Jardin (Indien hij waerlijck sodaenige Commissie heeft gelijck [. . .]voorgeeft mitsgaders alle andere dieder off tegenwoordigh, [off nae] desen noch ter westcust van sumatra op de voor aengeroede off andere plaetsen moghten sijn g' arriveert ofte Jets g'attenteert hebben, van daer met haere scheepen, mannen, Coopmanssz opgeroepen, ende g'ordonn: werden, alles aldaer met Renunciatie der contracten prevelegien, Eijgendommen Etca: 100 onreghtmatight tegens de E: neder[lan]tse Compa: reets g'emporteert, oftemiddelerwijlen noch te emporteren, te her stellen In sodaenigen standt als 't voor de comste van hem mr: Clement du Jardin geweest is, ende sulcx de peper die sij reets mochte Ingeladen hebben voort gene d'selve haer luyden nae den Waeren, ende blooten Incoop gecost heeft te disbarqueren, ende boven dien de vorsz Clement du Jardin Indien hij sulcx op sijn eijgen authoriteyt moght gedaen helben [met] alle die daer aen annex sijn sodaenige straffe op te leggen, als na vereijsch, van de voorsz saeken sal bevonden, werden, te behooren, welcke herstellinge van sacken wij niet twijffelen of sullen sonder tegenspreecken van ud genereúsheijt verwerven, tot vermijdingd van alle onlusten, ende ten Eijnde Wij bÿ onstentenis ende weijgeringe van dien niet moghten, gedwongen werden te beraemen, en In't werck te stellen sodaenige middelen, als't reght der naturen, ende der volckeren, ons suppoditeren, ende de voorsz Inconvenienten ons tot voorstand van den welstand ende Rust onser Republijcke necessiteren souden, protesterende van alle schaede, Costen, en Intressen, de ned[erl]antse Compa: door 'tgene reets voorsz toegebraght, ofte nae desen, daer úijt noch te volgen staende, mits betúijgingh voorde gantsche werelt ontschuldigh te Zullen sijn, van alle onheijlen, ende Inconvenienten, die by sodaenigen toeval soude mogen g'causeert werden, ende uijt het defenderen, ende Recupereren van onse g'Infadeerde landen ende Vreede, herstellinge van onse Ruste, vreede, ende securiteijt aldaer gants tegens onse Intentie soude mogen resulterern. Waer van wij ons door dese overbodige preadvertentie ende vreedelievende Insinuatie voor alle natien willen des chargeren.

actum Int Casteel Batta: op 't Eijland groot Java In't Coninckrijck Jaccatra den 30 April 1685.

Was geteeckent.
Joans: Camphuijs.
Antho Hurd.
W. Van outhoore.
Mart Pit.
Cornelis Van Qualberger.
Joan Van Hoorn.

Aen Ma: Clement duJardin
opperht: ende de raeds persoonen
Wegens de Honble: Engelse oost Indische.
Compa: en de natie aengecomen tot
Indrapoura.

'V'E. en sal niet onbeken sijn 'treght ,dat de Respective Nederlantse O: I. Compa: als protecteur ofte bescherm Heer over't Rijck van Indrapoura soo door Wapenen als Contracten heeft vercregen, om aldaer alleen met seclusie van alle andere natien te negotieren, ende te handelen, ende dat den sulthan, ende monterijs, mitsgaders alle Inwoonderen van Indrapoura niemand anders aldaer ter

negotie moghte toelaten, gelijck d' selve op UE aencomste hun oocq hebben bekent gemaeckt, ende versoght weder te vertrecken ende ten dien eijnde aen ons oock gesz, ende ons hulpe In desen versoght, dierhalven dan wij genoodsaeckt sijn geworden onse gecommitteer dens de Messrs: salamon Vermeeren, en Jacob Claasz aen UE aftesenden, ende UE van't voorsz te Insinueren, ende bij weijgering Van't vertreck, ende dat tegen onse onderlantregenten wille en danck aldaer wilt verblijven, mits desen tegens UE, ende alle die van wegen de Engelse honoble: Compa: en natie aldaer sijn, te protesteren over alle schaden, oncosten, ende quade gevolgen die na desen hier uijt connen ontstaen, ende van alle twelcke wij mits desen betuijgen ontschuldigh te sijn, ende UE de oorsaeke te wesen, als hebbende wij niet alleen andere van de honorabele Engelse Compa: en de natie voorleden Jaere den Capt: Jonathan Andries, op't schip de Julius Cesar Van't voorstaende Reght onser Respective E: Compa: genoeghsaem geinsinueert, ende die daer aen volgens alle goede onderlinge Correspondentie soo Veel Credit heeft betoont, dat weder na Surratta is vertrocken maer Inden Jaere 1683 een ander engels brieffie ontfangen, In d' welcke de naem vande Capt: voor ons hebben verswegen, en onse verdraeghsaemheijt te veel geterght, ende langhs dese Westcust alle hosteliteijt, gewelt, ende Zeeroverij tegen de onderdanen van onse Respective Compa:, ende oocq tegen eijgene chialoupen gebruijckt, schietende tot twee maelen toe met scherp op de prauw van een onser Chialoupen tusschen 't volck door, eenelijck de goede wille gods sijnde niemand Van de onse gequest geworden, ende dit alles meijnen UEs wij van UEs te moeten verdraegen, ende als ons ongeligck doen ende Wij sulcx niet konnen lyden, maer ons daer tegen stellen, beelden UE hun noch In, dat wij haer ongelijck doen, maer of dit voor op-reghte bondgenooten en Eerlijcke luijden betamelijck Zijn laeten, Wij UE selven oordeelen, en de saeke nu verder aen den tijt bevoolen Laeten. In's Compas: Fortresse tot Padangh op Sumatras Westcust desen 10' February 1685. :———was geteeckent Jan Van Leen, fredrick pols, Joannes Hoffman, en adriaen van heyst (absentie van de secy) Derste Clerck ter sijde stont door ons ondergesz als expresse gecommitteerde van de aghtbaere heer Commandr: Jan van Leen, en den Raed wegens de Respective nederlantse oost Indise Compa: op dese sumatras westcust Reden dit nevens staende protest aen sr Clemt: duJardin opperhooft ende Commissaris van de honorable Engelse Compa: overgelevert. Actum In Indrapoura 17t. February 1685: was geteeckent salamon Vermeeren en Jacob Claasz: Lager stond, nota naderhand is op de Exceptie, en pretentie van den Engelsman dit protest andermael origineel, neven [. . .] sen brieff gesonden en't Zegel van de E Compa: In rooden lacke daerop gedruckt en door de E clerck ver ordonnantie aldaer onder teykent, sonder eenige andere Veranderinge Padangh 2 Maert 1685 was onderteeckent Joan van Leen.

Gecollationde: accordt: Bata: 17 : Aprill 1685. Am: van Riebeeck Secretaris.

Op huijden den 3': Maert 1685 Compareerde voor de messieurs Fredrick pols luytenant binnen dese Fortresse, en willem vermey de Jonge schipper op 't hier ter Rheede leggende Jaght Hoogergeeft bescheyden, als hier toe ter ordre van de E: E: aghtbare heer Comandr Joan van Leen Expres gecommitteert, ter presentie van adriaen van Reijst E clerck deser Sumatrase Westcust, salamon Vermeeren en Jacob Claasz, adsten: en gecommitteerde, mitsgaders Jan Jacobsz van nieukerck, quartierm: Jacob Jansz, Loott, en Jacob Robbertsz, als Tolck van gemelte gecommitteerde op de chialoup de lauriertack In de besendingh na Indrapoura aen den sulthan ende Engelsen aldaer, d'Welcke ter Requesitie van gemelte E: E: Heer Commandr: en ter lieffoe der waerheijt, verclaren, waer, en Waeraghtigh te wesen dat als wanneer met de twee Chialoupen de Rooseboom, en d' lauriertack, tot voor de Revier van Indrapoura waeren gecomen, en met de chialoup de lauriertack daer binnen Zeijlden, en na gisingh tot omtrent een Canon schoot van de Revier van Moarebaton geadvanceert synde, als doen een Engels officier met een

maleijtse prauw, en Engelse vlagh aen boort van de gemelte chialoup de lauriertack was gecomen, en haer attestanten belaste datse niet voorder soude Zeijlen, maer de dregh laeten vallen, doch sijn sij attestanten voortgeseijlt, als wanneer gemelten Engelsman hard protesteerde, en riep dat niet souden, voortseijlen, of dat het Jaghtie 'tgeen omtrent een musquett schoot van haer attestanten In de Revier met het aghtergatt naer haer toe vertuijt Lagh, souw op haer vuijrgeven, swaijende gemelte Jaghtie als doen oock met de Zijde nad haer toe; en verclaert nu de attestant Jacob Claasz bijsonderlijck nogh dat hij attestant op gemelte Jaghtie heeft gesien, een Engelsman met een Londstock In de hand, en een bas nae haer toe stellende.

Verclaren nu verder de twee adtestanten Salamon Vermeeren, en Jacob Claasz dat als wanneer d'selve aen landt quamen om haere Last te volbrengen, de Malaijers aldaer haer twee oppassers wilden Hutten, en te Rùgh houden doch door hard tegenspreecken van haer attestanten noch gepasseert, en als doen sijn gecomen bij 't Engels opperhooft m^{r}: Clem^{t}: du Jardin, die haer attestanten vraeghde wat aldaer quamen doen, waer op sij attestanten weder hebben, g'andtwoord sodaenigh als In haer schriffelijck Rapportt aen d' E: E: Heer Command^{r}: alhier overgegeenn, In't breede staet uijtgedruckt, waer aen sij hun In desen gedraegen, en wijders aen gemelten Engelsen opperhooft gevraeght waerom hij haer attestanten [soe] tracteerde daerse quamen In's d' Comp^{s}: en In haer meesters Eijgen land, hij daer op heeft g'andwoordt dat sodaenigen mannier van spreecken aldaer met wilde gebruyckt hebben, seggende vorders (welcke woorden sij attestanten alle viff gesamentlijck hebben gehoordt en verstaen dat Hy daer m^{r}: en Imperater Van Indrapoura is, en't land aen hem overgelevert was, en dat den oorlogh en Vreede In desselfs hand stond ende als wanneer sij attestanten den selven oock hebben bekent gemaeckt dat sij attestanten wegens d': E: Comp^{a}: een brieff aen den sulthan hadden en d'selve moste bestellen, gem^{te} Engelse opperhooft sulcx niet wilde toelaeten haer attestanten met eenen waerschouwende sulcx sonder sijn kennisse niet te ondernemen, noch d' selve niet te laeten bestellen soo sij attestanten haer voor schaede wilden houden.

Ende verclaeren sij attestanten nu verder gesamentl^{k} dat als zij attestanten haer affscheijt van den gemelten Engelsen opperhooft hadden genoõe om weder nae de chialoup de Lauriertack te vertrecken, den selven haer is gevolght tot aen de Cant van de Revier, en haer attestanten heeft Verbooden sanderen daeghs niet aen Land te comen, voor en alleer aen haer jaght ('t geen daer lagh) gewaerschout hadden, alwaer den selven soude ordre laeten off aen Land moghte comen, off niet, en Verclaren nu de drij attestanten, salamon Vermeeren, Jacob Claasz, en Jacob Robbertsz dat als wanneer sanderen daaghs weder aen land gecomen was, gemelte opperhooft der Engelsen haer een geslooten brieff heeft gegeven, seggende die van den Imperator te Zijn, ende als Zij attestanten na vernieuwingh der Insinuatie eijndelijck genoodsaeckt waeren te protesteren, ende 'tschriftelijck protest haer door de E: E: Heer Command^{r}: en den raed alhier ter hand gestelt aen gemelte opperhooft der Engelsen hadden overhandight, den selven 'tprotest heeft weghgeworpen, en geseght Ick aght dat protest niet, 'tis valsch, en meent ghij dat Ick een beest ben, Ick aght dat 'tselve van beesten gesz is, om dat het niet gesegelt is, ende met Eenen met een hevigheijt haer attestanten na d' haer gesegelt pas vraegende, en haer voor schelmen en dieven uijtscheldende gelijck bij 't voosz schriftelijck rapport aen de E: E: heer Comm^{r} overgegeven nader staet uijtgedruckt, ende de attestanten haer andermael refereren, verclaren sij attestanten nu verder gesamentlijck dat gemelte Engelse opperhooft voorseijde attestanten, en gecommitteerde verscheijde maelen heeft uijtgescholden voor dieven en schelmen; d'wijl daer sonder Zee pas gecomen waeren, en dat hij haer oocq Con Laeten dood slaen, als hij maer wilde, verclaren nu de drij attestanten salamon Vermeeren, Jacob Claasz, en Jacob robbersz mede, dat hij de attestanten salamon Vermeeren, en Jacob Claasz heeft gedwongen om de Instructie die sij attestanten van de E: E: Heer Command^{r}: hadden ontrangen, te laeten haelen, niet willende dat d'selve door haer attestanten selfs soude gehaelt werden, doch den attestant

Jacob Claasz eghter opreijsende om heen te gaen alsoo geen ander In de papieren woude laeten keycken, riep gemelte Engelse opperhooft eenige woorden over luyt, waer op verscheyde gewaepende maleijers boven quamen Loopen, welcke boven Loopen der maleijers de attestanten Jan Jacobsz van Nieùkerck en Jacob Jansz, mede gesien te hebben sulcx verclaeren, ende verclaren nu verder de attestanten salamon Vermeeren, en Jacob Claasz ende Jacob robbertsz dat als wanneer de attestanten salamon Vermeren, en Jacob Claasz haere Instructie aen gemelte Engels oppernooft toonden om sien of de handt tè te keningen van de selve met die van't protest over een qúamen, [. . .] Instructie uijt haere handen trock, ende die besien hebende, d'selve[met] de beenen cruijswijs op sijn snijders sittende onder sijn beenen stock, [. . .] gende met eenen d'selve niet gesegelt, en dienvollgens valsch te Zijn ende die te willen behoùden.

Verclaren nu de attestanten Jan Jacobsz, en Jacob Jansz, dat als den attestant Jacob Claasz, ads^{t}:, & nae boort Van de chialoup de lauriertack soude vaeren om de Instructie te haelen, hij Jacob Claasz tegens haer twee attestanten heeft geseijt, 'tis best dat wij maer weder heen gaen, want Zij dwingen mij hier mijn Instructie over te geven, ende verclaren nu sij drij attestanten Jacob Claasz, ads^{t}: Jan Jacobsz, en Jacob Jansz, dat hij attestant Jacob Claasz als doen verselt is geweest met een Engels officier, om dat hij attestant sigh niet soude absenteren en dat voorn Engels officier woude hebben dat hij attestant de Engelse vlagh op de prauw van de Chialoup de Lauriertack, daer hij attestant ten eijnde voorsz mede nae boort soude Vaeren, soude setten daer hij attestant In genen deele toe woude verstaen, en genootsaeckt is geworden met een ander prauw met de Engelse vlagh, welcke prauw gemelte Engelse officier Van de maleijers hadde geprest, nae boort van de voorn Chialoup te vaeren, verclaren Verder de attestanten salamon Vermeeren, Jan Jacobsz, en Jacob Robbertsz, mede, dat gemelte Engels opperhooft heeft geseijt, dat hij gemelte Instructie soude houden, ofte dat Zij aen den selven Copia daervan soude geven, en haer oock heeft gedrijght andersniet te sullen Laeten gaen, en als wanneer de attestanten salamon Vermeeren, en Jacob Claasz, aen denselven de Copia hadden overhandight, soo dwongh hij haer tot 'et onderteeckenen van de selve met veele hooge woorden betuijgende haer anders te sullen laeten mishandelen, refererende de attestanten salamon Vermeeren en Jacob Claasz hun In desen Verder soo veel de saeke ten principaelen off In substantie aengaet, aen't Rapport In desen meer gemelt aen de E : E : Heer Command^{r}: op haer weder Comste alhier gedaen, en schriftelijck overgegeven.

Alle 'twelcke sij attestanten verclaren yder voor't Zijne de op-reghte sincere, en ongevalste waerheijt te wesen, bereijt & blijvende des noots 't selve met solemnelen Eede nader gestant te doen.

Aldus gedaen, verclaert, ende gepasseert ten desen Hooft Comptoire Padangh op sumatras westcust ter presentie van en voor de messieùrs gecommitteerde hier voorgemelt en de minute deses benevens de attestanten, en mij E : Clercq hebben onderteeckent, datum utante, onderstondt dat desen met de origineele geteijckende verclaeringe gecollationeert ten vollen, ende van woorde tot woorde accordeert, daer voor teijcke nen wij als gecommitteerde uijt den raed Padangh 13 Maert 1685, ende was onderteeckent Fredrick Pols, J: hoffman, en A : V : Heijst Op Huijden den 5 Maert 1685 Comparacerde andermael voor de messieurs gecommitteerd Inde nevens staende verclaeringe gemelt, ter presentie van mij adri[ae]n van Heijts J. Clerck, de attestanten salamon Vermeeren Jacob Claasz, adsistenten, Jan Jacobsz van nieuwkerck, Jacob Jansz, en Jacob Robbertsz d'welcke haer op Eergisteren verleende verclaeringe andermael van woorde tot woorde, wel duydelijck voorgelesen sijnde, verclaren daer by ten vollen te blijven persisteren sonder daer Jets In't minste aff off bij gedaen te willen hebben, als seggende alle 't selve alsoo de op-reghte waerheijt te wesen, onder presentatie van eede als voren.'

Aldus gedaen, en gerecolleert ten desen hooft Comptoire Padangh op Sumatras westcust ter presentie van en voor de messieurs gecommitterde hiervoren gemelt, die de minute deses benevens de attestanten en mij E : Clerck hebben onderteeckent, datum utante, onderssondt dat desen met 'torigineel

geteeckent recollement gecollationeert ten vollen van woorde tot woorde accordeert, daer voorteijkenen wij als gecommitteerde uijt den raed Padangh 13 Maert 1685, ende was onderteeckent Fredericq Xols, J^{s}: Hoffman, eñ A: v: Heijts.

Op huijden den 6 Maert 1685 Compareerde voor d'E: E: Heer Command^{r}: Joan van Leen, enden vollen raed ter presentie van mij adriaen van heijts, E: Clercq de deposanten salamon Vermeeren, Jacob Claasz ads^{den} Jan Jacobsz van nieuwkerck, Jacob Jansz, en Jacob Robbertsz, d'welcke hunne op 3 deser verleende verclaeringe, 'tgevolghde recollement van den 5 maert 1685 daer aen volgende, andermael, en wel duijdelijcq van woorde tot woorde voorgelesen sijnde verclaeren nogh mael daer bij ten vollen te blijven persisteren, sonder daer Jets't minste aff, off toegedaen te willen hibben, als sijnde alles de opreghte waerheijt ten dien Eijnde 't selve met solemnelen Eede bevestigende, spreeckende dese woorden soe waerlijck moet mij godt almaghtigh helpen.

Aldus verclaert, gerecolleert, ende bevestight met eede ten [desen] hooft Comptoire Padangh op sumatras westcust voor de E: E: Command^{r}: en raed alhier, vooren gemelt, die de minute deses benevens de deposanten en mij E: Clercq hebben onderteeckent, ten daege, maent, en Jaere, als boven. onderstond dat desen met't origineel geteeckent en beedighde verclaringe, en recollement, ten vollen van woorde tot woorde de accoorde is bevonden, daer voor teeckenen wij als gecommitteerde uijt den raed. Padangh 13 Maert 1685, en was onderteeckent Fredrick Pols, Joan^{s}: Hoffman, en A: v: Heijts.

Gecollationeert, accordeert In't Casteel Batt^{a}: den 18 april 1685 was onderteecknt

A: V: Riebeeck
Sec^{s}:

Translaet uijt de Engelse [. .], sijnde een missive [. . .] den Cap^{t}: Clem^{t}; du'Jardin, possessie genomen hebb [ende] In't rijck van Indrapoura, aen den E: Heer Comm^{r} Joan van Leen——en den raed ter sumatras westcust gesz dato 7/17 February 168$\frac{4}{5}$.

Wij hebben uwe protest ontfangen, ende g' accepteert, maer wij verwonderen ons Van den Inhout, en verclaren d'selve valste sijn, ende sijn nij niet weijnigh verwondert dat sodaenigen geschrift wert g'presenteert sonder 't Zegel van d'E: nedertantse Comp^{a}:, ende extimeren 't voorn protest eenelijck als Van UE selver te comen, 't welck ons final antwoordt op uwe protest is. Wij laeten UE weten dat wij UE twee affgesondene met alle Vrundelijck vruntschap wel ontfangen hebben ende hebben haer behulpsaem geweest. In alles Wat van nooden hadden ende doen wij de heer Commad^{r}: minnelijck bedancken voor de goede Sorge, die voor de dienaren, en goederen van onse honorable M^{rs}: is draegende, maer verwonderen ons niet weijnigh dat 't respect niet en hebben van een brieff direct gesz aen ons Van UE te ontfangen, 'twelck de voorn affgesonden wel Conde tot nadeel, en schaede gestreckt hebben. Doende UE nu verder een trouw, en reght beright, dat wij 't landtschap van Indrapoura hebben vercregen van den keijser sonder gewelt, ofte molestatie (gelijck onse ordre is) en is nu overgegeven, aen onsen Coninco, en honorable oost Indise Comp^{a}: gelijck wij des Coninckx subjecten sijn, en't Comp^{s}: orderdanige dienaren, en is UE Chialoup de Revier opgecomen sonder bekent maekinge aen den keijser, ofte ons te doen, want ru het land aen den Coninck van Engeland en de onse honorable Comp^{a}: is overgegeven, doch hadden wij niet een van onse officieren om laegh gesonden, sij hadden voorseecker lijveloos geweest, maer om dat wij vrunden Zijn, ende maght hebben, om sulcx te wederstaen, soo hebben wij haer voor ongeluck bewaert, als boven is geseght. Vorders Zijn wij verwondert dat protest en Instructie van UE niet met's Comp^{s}: segel bekraghtight waeren, 'twelck een groot faut is, om dat onse orders soo hoogh sijn, dat voorn protest, en Instructie sonder behoorlijcke segel van geen Valeur sijn, daerom hebben wij goet gevonden UE te adviseren (gelijck wij goede vrnden Zijn) dat wij niets búijten onse ordre gedaen hebben, daer wij ons oocq aen

gedraegen, en smits UE affgesondene niet waeren voorsien met's Comp^{a}: segel, soo Webbe Ick d'selve affgesondene affgevordert haere Instructie, d'welcke sij oocq vrijwilligh gegeven hebben, doch den waeren Inhoude en weet Ick niet doch hebbe eghter aengenomen, en sal sorge draegen, dat d'selve getra [ns] lateert aen mijn heer meester nevens de Copia van 'tprotest sal werden overgesonden, waer mede &c^{a}: was geteeckent Clem^{t}: du Jardin, Eduard Montague, ende John Nicholsz̃, ter sijden stond gesz̃ uijt onse logie op Indra [poura] desen 17 February 168$\frac{4}{5}$. Lager stond P. S. wij hebben tot [UE] beter satesfactie nu onder dit Cuvert mede gesonden den waeren Copia van des keijsers [Contract] met onsen Conincq en de honorable Comp^{a}: was geteeceknt: C: D: J: E: M:en J: N:

't opschrift Luyde aen den aghtbaeren Command^{r}: Joan van Leen en den Raed wegens de generale duijtse Comp^{a}: op de Westcust van Sumatra, ende was met een particulier signet toegesegelt. Aldus getranslateert, ende overgeset, trouwelijck uijt de Engelse In de nederduijtse taele door ons ondergesz̃ als daer toe expres gecommitteert door den aghtbaeren Command^{r}: Jan van Leen. Padangh op Sumatras Westcust den 27 february 1685. Was geteeckent Salamon Vermeeren Jacob Claasz̃, en Jacob Robbertsz̃.

Gecollation^{t}: accord^{t}: Battavia In't Casteel den 19 April 1685. Was geteeckent.

A^{M}: VAN RIEBEECK
SEC^{R}:

Translate of y^{e} Foregoeing Protest. Joannes Camphuys Govern^{r} Generall &^{ca}: Councell for the State of the Netherlands Priviledged East India Comp^{a}: advertise & send Notice by this, to y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: W^{m}: Gyfford Presid^{t}: of the Coast Cormandell Bengall &^{ca}: Govern^{r}: att Madraspatam for y^{e}: affairs of y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: y^{e}: English East India Comp^{a}: that we to our greife [had ad]vice of 25th: March passado, from ou: Command^{r}: Jan Van Leen &^{ca}: Councell on y^{e}: West Coast of Sumatra, y^{t}: 2 English Ships, one great y^{e}: other Small arriv'd on y^{e}: Saide Coast about the beginning of this year; one M^{r}: Clement du Jardin being Cheife wth: Comission, and Credentiall (as was p^{r}:tended) not only to tuch att every Port, of y^{e}: s^{d}: Coast where we had no Factory, but also to take, and Pocesse y^{e}: Same, and to declare Warr & make Peace, wth:out Limitation, In Persuance of w^{ch}: he did presume to force y^{e}: Inhabitants of Sillabar (y^{e}: place where he first Landed) & Subjects to y^{e}: King of Bantam to sell their Peper to him for y^{e}: Loading of his Ship and vessell depriving o^{r}: Comp^{a}: thereby of y^{e}: Expect'd benefitt w^{ch}: might accrue by y^{e}: Fruition of y^{e} Country, w^{ch}: was in a manner given to y^{m}: by y^{e}: Lawfull Soveran thereof, Namely the Present King of Bantam (as a reward a Compensation for y^{e}: Excessive Expences they have been att in assisting him) thus farr att least y^{t}: no Forrainer, [but] the Netherlands, Comp^{a}: was to trade there, so that he [had] frustrated o^{r}: Expectation in y^{e} Product of a Countrey [w^{ch}] we reckon o^{r}: owne, y^{e}: Dominion of w^{ch}: we obtained [by . . .] just & Rationall means but besid's this y^{e}: s^{d}: M^{r}: Clement Jardin was So farr transport'd as to disturbe y^{e}: Peace and Tranquill disposition of o^{r} State, for after he had Establish'd a Factory att Sillebar he went himselfe wth: y^{e}: lesser Ship y^{e}: Rochester as farr Norther^{ly}: as Indrapoura, a Country [which] we have had not only for many years the Priviledge by virtue of an Excluding Contract to deale and Commerce alone wth: y^{e}: Inhabitants thereof, but also by reason of y^{e}: Many Succors afforded to y^{t}: Sultan & montrys togather wth severall other [kind]nesse receiv'd from us, they did not less y^{n}: [resigne] those Countrys & accept us for their Protect^{r}: w^{ch}: Contract was lately in y^{e}: year 1680 agaiñ Confirm'd & Ratifi'd (so y^{t}: to frequent Traffick and Commerce there belongs only to us as is manifest by y^{e}: S^{d}: Agrement) notwithstanding w^{ch}: M^{r}: Clement du Jardin did not Scruple to goe into y^{e}: River Indrapoura & y^{e}: better to Succed in his designe he did (tho against the will of 20 of the Montrys or Councellours, for y^{e}: Sultan was on an Expedition against y^{e}: Radja of Majutta) take pocession of y^{t}: Country, forbidding & hindring those Vessells y^{t}: were Loaded wth: Pepper & Ready to come to us (according to

Custome) to depart, also those that did venture were impeded & arrested by him, untill y^e^ : Sultans returne, who w^th^ : Some of his Montrys were quickly so farr Seduc'd by S^d^ : M^r^ : Clement du Jardins Presents, Bribes, false Reports, timidiations, & perturbations, as to revault from y^e^ : Netherlands Comp^a^ : (to whom he had subject'd himselfe & Country, and under whose Protection he had been received) & not only so but Contrary to his Faith, honesty and y^e^ : afores^d^ : Contract did offer, & resigne, all his Lands to y^e^ : s^d^ : M^r^ : Clement du Jardin, w^ch^ : he accepted in such a quallity as to assume to himselfe y^e^ : Title; Yett this is not y^e^ : most; for not Content w^th^ : y^e^ : benefitt w^ch^ : he Seem'd to Expect and Consequently the apperant damage of o^r^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ : must needs medle w^th^ : & Exasperate Matt^rs^ : y^t^ ; tend to disturbe o^r^ : Peace quiet and repose, y^e^ : Impairing & desolution of y^e^ : Union & good Correspondence between us & our Confedrat's by Causing a strange Nation and Confedrate and oppose the Republick w^ch^ : if it be taken (as indeed it is) for y^e^ : highest offence and Crime in the Civill Right, so it can be no lesse transgression when a subject of an oth^r^ : Confedrate and Co : Religion (Even when it's doubted whith^r^ : he is impowred by his Soverain or his Deputies) undertakes to disturbe y^e^ : Peace and good harmony w^ch^ : the confedrat of his Prince has w^th^ : other Nations, Especially those that are not received in an Equall Alliance but were brought to it by success of o^r^ : Armes, in w^ch^ : respect they are to observe our superiority w^t^ : soever, wherefore it's our opiniou w^th^ : y^e^ : Judicious y^t^ : the R^t^ : of y^e^ : People is Violated in y^e^ : highest and Senciblest degree thereby, and Likewise y^t^ : the S^d^ : Clement du Jordain has made no less infraction in y^e^ : said R^t^ : by his viollent dealings and Ill usage of y^e^ : Deputies of o^r^ : Command^r^ : Jan Van Leen &^ca^ : Councell on the West Coast (afores^d^ :) by name Salmon Vermeeren & Jacob Clasz who were sent to him to vindicate our R^t^ : and Civilly to admonish s^d^ : M^r^ : Clement du Jordain of our Previleges & Concessione of those Countrys and Trade of Indrapoura, and therefore kindly to desire him to departe thence, the s^d^ : Persons w^th^ : all were order'd w^th^ : ou^r^ : two Sloops to Aid y^e^ : Ship Rochest^r^ : belonging to y^e^ English Comp^a^ : having news she was aground in s^d^ : River Indrapoura, and to try to gett her of and to afford her all other help in their power but being arrived and advanced in y^e^ : River a[s] farr as y^e^ : ship Rochester lay, they were forbidden to come up higher, w^ch^ : they not read'ly obeying y^e^ : Pettereros of s^d^ : ship were Leveld against y^m^ : w^ch^ : forced y^m^ : to Anchor, neither could they come to audience of y^e^ : s^d^ : Clement du Jordain, but through Crowds of arm'd Sumatrans, and others who had Posted Round about his house. Wee will [waite] in silence y^e^ : mann^r^ : of o^r^ : Deputies reception and w^t^ : Language the s^d^ : Clement du Jardin (who had allready taken on him y^e^ : Title of Sultan of Indrapoura) Used to them, w^n^ : they deliverd y^e^ : advertisem^t^ :, and how he villified & Curst those y^t^ : Commands In o^r^ : behalfe those Parts Yett we cannot but take Speciall Notice y^t^ : our fores^d^ : Deputies (whose persons not only, but likewise their goods & follow^rs^ : have ever been held by the very Barbarians Inviolable) sh[ould] be forced by armed People, to deliver their Instructions to him, and to retaine the one as a hostage, while y^e^ : other went to fetch [itt] out y^e^ : Sloope & deliver to him, nay his Indiscretion Extended so farr as to keep y^e^ : s^d^ : Instruction, refusing to returne itt againe untill they promis'd him [an]Authentick Coppy thereof (which he had) and then & not before he gave our Deputies their dispatch, In a most [vile] disp[icable] and Scornfull Manner : Moreover y^e^ : S^d^ : Clement du Jardin continues still to create Commotions & disturbances [. . .] y^e^ : Use of y^e^ : Confed'rates of y^e^ : Neatherlands Comp^a^ : and [did] as good as openly declare y^e^ : English Comp^a^ : Sought Nothing else but to Pick a quarrell and to be Imbroiled w^th^ : the Netherlands Comp^a^ : whereoff those English y^t^ : sided w^th^ y^e^ : Rebells und^r^ : y^e^ : English Colours against those Confederat's y^t^ : remaind firme to us, are sufficient & Evident proofes. It's not to purpose to declare w^t^ : measures this accident may Necessitate us unto, but only add y^t^ : we cannot neglect y^e^ : Intrest of o^r^ : Lords & Mast^rs^ : nor y^e^ : Proprit^rs & Priveleges of y^e^ : [U :] Netherlands Comp^a^ : y^e^ : Care where of Is intrusted to o^r^ Zeal & fidellity; however we are allways Mindfull of y^e^ : Strict Alliance

between y^e^ : Crowne of England & o^r^ : State, & not lesse inclin'd to Persever : In all love & Peacible thoughts towards y^e^ : Subjects of y^e^ ; s^d^ : Crowne, who though they receive from us (Especially those in India) ample & successive tokens of true Confedracy and y^t^ : next y^e^ all Pow^r^ : full God some are obliged to us for y^e^ : preservation of their lives and Estates. In 1682 w^n^ : y^e^ : King of Bantam thought to take Just revenge on y^m^ : for syding w^th^ : [his] Rebbells ; yett these and y^e^ : like benefitts they are so farr from owning that they rath^r^ : Exclaime against us & assert y^e^ : Contrary.

Wherefore y^e^ : Govern^r^ : Generall and Councell of India thought necessary & convenient to advertise & acquaint by these ℔sents ; y^e^ : R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Will : Gyfford Govern^r^ : &^ca^ : w^th^ : y^e^ fores^d^ : ℔ticulars, Requesting Most Amicably that itt may please him, to order & Speedily Cause s^d^ : M^r^ : Clement du Jardin (if he has any Such Commission as he pretends) and all other y^t^ : are now, or shall come aft^r^ : y^e^ : date hereoff, to settle in y^e^ : forementionn'd Places, or any other where they have, or shall attempt, on y^e^ : West Coast of Sumatra, to be recall'd from thence, w^th^ : ships, Men, M^r^ : Chandise, and to restore w^t^ : was most unjustly allinat'd from y^e^ : Netherlands Comp^a^ : and to resettle all & Leave Every thing in y^e^ : same good condition as it was before y^e^ : arrivall of y^e^ : s^d^ : M^r^ : Clement du Jardin, also to unlade y^e^ : Pep^r^ : they bought there, Receiving the full & Reall Prime Cost for itt, Moreover to Inflict on s^d^ : Clement du Jordain (if he has acted by private authority) and all y^t^ : are annex'd in y^e^ : s^d^ : affairs ; Condigne Punishm^t^ : as y^e^ : Exigence of y^e^ : fact deserveth. We doubt not in y^e^ Least, but yo^r^ : Generossite will w^th^ : out any Scruple aquiesse in y^e^ : s^d^ : Restoration and Reparation, to avoyd further disputes Misunderstanding and Controversies y^t^ : we may not by allteration and yo^r^ : deniall be forc't to Meditate and putt in Practice such Means as y^e^ : R^t^ : of Nature & Nations shall dictate & those Inconveniences unavoidably urge us to, for y^e^ : Maintainance of Peace Repose y^e^ : wellfare of o^r^ : Republick and Intrest of y^e^ : Hon^ble^ : Netherland [s]Comp^a^ : [*Lacuna in the original*] Protesting against all damages Expences, Intrest &^ca^ : the Hon^ble^ : Netherlands Comp^a^ : hath allready Sustain'd or May yett furth^r^ : sustaine by reason of y^e^ : fores^d^ : disord'rs, & doth likewise Manefest to y^e^ : World (by y^e^ : o^r^ : seasonable advertisem^t^ :) our good inclination, y^t^ : y^e^ : fault of disasters inconveniences &^ca^ : w^ch^ : may result (against o^r^ : intention) be not imputed to us since we only Endeavour y^e^ : Recovery of o^r^ : Invaded dominion, y^e^ : restoring of o^r^ : quiet, Peace & security there and so we think to have discharged o^r^ : selves before all Nations.

Acted In the Castle of Batavia on Java Major In y^e^ : Kingdome of Jackatra Aprill 30^th^ : 1685.

Was Subscribed
JOANNES CAMPHUYS.
ANTO^H^ : HURD.
WILL : VAN OUTHOORN.
MART : PITT.
CORNELIS VAN QUALBERGH.
JOAN VAN HOORN.

WEST COAST FEBR^R^ : THE 7/17 : $16\frac{84}{85}$.

Wee receiv'd yo^r^ : Protest and Accepted y^e^ : same but wee admire at y^e^ : contents thereof declaring it to be false and wee doe not wonder a little y^t^ : Such a Paper should be Present'd without y^e^ : Seal of y^e^ : Dutch Company, and we regard y^e^ : said Protest as y^e^ : owne Particular act w^ch^ : is our finall answer on y^e^ : said Protest we lett y^o^ : understand that those two you sent we Receiv'd well & w^th^ : all kindnesse, and were helpfull to them In all their wants wee heartily thank y^e^ : Heer Comm^dore^ : both for his care of y^e^ : Servants and state of our Hon^ble^ : Masters but wee much admire y^t^ : we have not y^e^ : Hon^r^ : to receive a letter from you directed to us, w^ch^ : might prove very prejudiciall to them you sent thither, moreover wee declare to you faithfully and Sincerly y^t^ : we gott this country of Indrapoura w^th^ : out any violence or molestation (according to our order) of y^e^ : Emperour thereof, as is now Resign'd to our King & Hon^ble^ : East India Comp^a^ :

as we are his Majesties Subjects & Compas: most humble Servts: wn: ye: Sloop's came up ye: sd: River without giving notice to ye: sd: Emperr: or us, for the Country now belongs to ye: King of England and our Honble: Masters but if we had not sent some of our officers downe they had Certainly lost their lives, but because wee are friends and had power to Prevent it therefore we sav'd them harmless as Aforesd: moreover we wonder very much yt: ye: said Protest and Instruction was not made Authentick by ye: Compas: Seal, wch: is a great fault because or: orders run very high so yt: ye: foresd: Protest & Instruction wth: out ye: Customary Seal is of no vallidity, therefore we thought Convenient as our good friends to Advise you yt: we have not in any thing exceeded our order to wch: we Referr or: selves, & where as yr: Deputies were unprovided wth: ye: Seal I required of them their Instruction wch: they willingly deliver'd yett ye: true Contents I doe not know however I will make Provision for ye: Translation thereof and send it to my Masters wth: ye: Copia of ye: Protest so comitt you to ye: Protection &ca:

In our Factory In Indrapoura Feb 7/17 168$\frac{4}{5}$.

Was Subscribed.

CLEMENT DU JARDIN.
EDWR: MOUNTEGUE.
JNO: NICHOLS.

P.S. to ye: better Satisfaction wee send under this Covert a true Coppy of ye: Emperours Covenant wth: our King & Honble: Compa: C: D: J. E: M. J: N.

The Superscription was to ye: Worspll: Jan Van Leen Commandore &ca Councell for ye: Afairs of ye: Dutch Compa: on ye: West Coast of Sumatra.

And ye: Letter was Seald wth: a Private Seal.

CONIMEER JUNE YE: 11TH: 1685.

TO YE: HONBLE: WM: GYFFORD
ESQR: PRESIDT: &CA: COUNCELL
IN FORT ST: GEORGE.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

Twas the 9th: Instant ere ye: Kempthorne arived and comeing to an Anchor a great distance from ye: Shoar could Loade nothing that Evening however have lost noe time, and for ye: more expedition have only taken a generall recpt:, her Invoyce shall follow toMorrow soe at ℔sent humbly crave leave and subscribe

Honble: Sr: &ca:
Your most humble: Servant
RICHD: MILTON.

PETTIPOLLEE YE: 11TH: JUNE 1685.

TO YE: HONOBLE: WM: GYFFORD ESQR;
PRESIDT: OF FFORT ST: GEORGE COAST
CHORMONDELL, GINGERLEY BAY OF BENGALA & ORIXA &CA:
RESPECTIVE COUNCELL.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

Yours of ye: 25th: May last I received ℔ the Dubash and Bramina ye: 5th: Curt: as also ye: jentue Letter wth: its Translate, wch: I deliverd to the Merchts: ye: 7th: Instant, upon reading of wch: they would imediatly have return'd me answer, but understanding of wt: nature it would bee, and yt: it was Rash and wth: out consideration I advis'd them to goe home and [consult?] each other, & duly weigh of wt: advantage ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: business in this Place had been & for ye: future might bee, if they comply'd wth: yor: Honr: &ca: desires, att wch: time they departed and sent for 2 Merchts: wch: were Missing, and after consulting wth: them ye: 9th: Inst sent me word they were ready wth: their answer, I understanding it was to ye: Same effect as their first would have been, I advis'd ye: Dubash and Bramina (telling ym: it was I was sure in their power

to make them comply) to ꝑswade y^{m} : to other things, att w^{ch} time they departed promising to consider better & to give answer y^{e} : next day.

On y^{e} : 10th : night they came to give their finall answer, and y^{e} : Pag^{s} : 2560 : 7 : 1 was demanded of them by y^{e} : Dubash y^{t} : they would suffer me to endorse so much upon y^{e} : note y^{t} : M^{r} : Littleton &^{ca} : Councell had given in behalfe of our R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Masters, to w^{ch} : they possitively and very scornfully answer'd, y^{t} : to any Such abatem^{t} : or any thing of y^{t} : Nature they would never condescend, alleadging y^{t} : next year if they should differ wth : y^{e} : Chiefe as they did this, by y^{e} : same Rule they might have Pag^{s} : 10000 assessed upon y^{m} : to Pay, I answer'd y^{m} : y^{t} : if they would this time allow it, y^{t} : for y^{e} : future great care Should be taken (promising them also) that nothing of this Nature should be any more offer'd y^{m} :

I then proceeded to know of y^{m} : whether they were willing to agree wth : Bombay Chitty &^{ca} : new Merch^{ts} : they reply'd y^{t} : as to any further abatem^{t} : they would not consent, neither would they be concern'd wth : him or any of his party, they told me y^{e} : reason was not fitt to be spoken to me, I prest them so farr ꝑ y^{e} : Dubash y^{t} : att last upon promise of keeping it secritt, they gave it to y^{e} : Dubash, w^{ch} : is that severall Merch^{ts} : in y^{e} : Country had been ruin'd by Bomba [y] Chitty &^{ca} : new Merch^{ts} : for w^{ch} : act y^{e} : Govern^{r} ; Hydra Cawne is constantly exacting severall [summs] of mony from them, and att this time ꝑticularly Bombay Chitty's Brother is under confinem^{t} : in y^{e} : Govern^{rs} : house for a great summe of mony that I made enquiry into ꝑticularly and find it true and therefore thought it my duty to advise your Hon^{r} : &^{ca} :

The Merch^{ts} : were so firme in their resolutions that they proceeded this day to divide all their Cloth, and each man tooke his share out of their Generall Godowne, and now most are goeing into y^{e} : Country, leaving behind y^{m} : none but y^{e} : Cheife Merch^{t} :

In pressing both y^{e} : Abatem^{t} : and their agreeing wth : the New Merch^{ts} : I was very warm first alleadging to y^{m} : how well they were dealt wth : y^{t} : y^{e} : abatem^{t} : was favourable, whereas it might have been very justly much larger, as also y^{t} : our R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Masters might be displeas'd att w^{t} : was done, but many argum^{ts} : either upon one or other signifyed nothing, they proving ineffectuall w^{ch} : was my trouble.

As to y^{e} : Dubash and Braminas mannagm^{t} : of this affair, I do really beleive 'twas wth : a great deal of care and fidelity, they affirming have not slept for 3 Nights together, constantly pressing y^{e} : Merch^{ts} : to a complyance, and were so sorry that att last it almost ended in tears wth : them saying they fear'd because the Merch^{ts} : would not comply, they should gaine yo^{r} : Hon^{rs} : &^{ca} : displeasure w^{ch} : they could ꝑ no means help, but hope yo^{r} : Hon^{r} : &^{ca} : will putt a favourable construction upon their utmost endeavours.

Upon parting y^{e} : Merch^{ts} : inform'd [me] y^{t} : they would have a considerable ꝑcell of goods ready, and if y^{t} : the Chief &^{ca} : (that should be settled here) did not approve of y^{e} goods Bombay Chitty &^{ca} : Merch^{ts} : should bring in, y^{n} : would be willing to supply y^{e} : R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{a} : wth : goods as formerly w^{ch} : is y^{e} : needfull att ꝑ sent from

Hon^{ble} : S^{r} : &^{ca} :
Your most ffaithfull & obed^{t} : Serv^{t} :
Benj^{a} : Northey.

P.S. Enclos'd comes a Letter to yo^{r} : Hon^{r} : &^{ca} : from this ffactory Merchants Id : B. N.

Translate of a letter from Terrigary (Mutiyal &c^{a}) the Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Merch^{t} at Pettipolle to y^{e} : Hono^{ble}: Will : Gyfford Esq^{r}: Presid^{t} : & Govern^{r} : dated June 1685.

We have rec^{d} : yo^{r} : Hon^{rs} : letter & observed y^{e} : Contents thereof, wherein yo^{r} : Hon^{r} : wrote y^{t} : y^{e} : dubash & Brameny would give us to understand yo^{r} :

[words] more largly, y^{n}: [you] did in you^{r}: letter (w^{ch}: they did) yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: wrote to know y^{e}: Reason why we did not come according to yo^{r}: order, you may please to understand y^{t}: formerly M^{r}: Lucas order'd us to come to y^{e}: ffort, to w^{ch}: we answer'd him, y^{t}: it was y^{e}: tyme of [year] for marrying our Children, and besides: o^{r}: Credittours would not Suffer us to come away wth: out we discharge our debts so at his goeing from hence we told him if he would send us mony we would come up w^{ch}: he promised to do so soon as he arrived at y^{e}: ffort, but to this tyme we have not recev'd any, yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: also wrote y^{t}: M^{r}: Shales acquaint'd you y^{e}: Cloth he sorted came to Must^{r}:, therefore you ordered no abatem^{t}: to be made upon it, but y^{t}: w^{ch}: was sorted by M^{r}: Wheeler came not according to Muster, therefore yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: and Councell had agreed, and order'd, y^{t}: we should make: 17 ℔cent abatem^{t}: upon 15060 Pag^{s}: w^{ch}: amo^{ts}: to Pag^{s}: 2160: 7: 1: yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: may please to Consider y^{t}: w^{n}: M^{r}: Wheeler used to come to y^{e}: Sorting Place, we brought our goods before him, & some he tooke being according to Muster some he made abatem^{ts}: upon, and some he threw out, w^{ch}: we carry'd back againe to our houses, we did not stop M^{r}: Wheelers eys, after M^{r}: Wheeler had forced: 4000 dollars from us we went to M^{r}: Shales, and told him y^{t}: we had deliver'd goods for w^{t}: mony we had Rec^{d}: of y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: and y^{t}: he might make up y^{e}: acc^{ts}: (placing y^{e}: 4000 Dol: M^{r}: Wheeler had taken from us to y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: acc^{t}:) for we would not bring in any more goods, but he promis'd y^{t}: he would se us satisfied for w^{t}: mony M^{r}: Wheeler had forced from us, and he would engage we should be p^{d}: if we brought in any more goods for y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: your Hon^{r}: also upon your arrivall at Pettipole ordered us to bring in more goods [for y^{e}] Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}; and said you would give M^{r}: Littleton order to pass a bill to us (in y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: name) for w^{t}: goods we should advance to y^{m}:, and we should have Intrest allow'd us for y^{e}: same, and yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: also made M^{r}. Wheeler pay usy^{e}: Doll^{rs}: he had taken from us by force depending upon yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: promise we brought in more goods for y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: for w^{ch}: y^{e}: Chiefe and Second pass'd a Bill to us, und^{r}: y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: seal, and their hands, M^{r}. Wheeler being our Enemy we cant tell w^{t}: he may acquainte yo^{r} Hon^{r}: against us, yo^{r}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: being true delars therefore we and our ffamilys came to gett our liveing under them, and not to give away our owne mony, Report speaking yo^{r}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}' fame & just dealing, incit'd us as well as other ffactorys to lend o^{r}: assistance to y^{m}: in time of necessity, therfore for M^{r}: Wheelers reporting falce things against us, is it reasonable we should have so much mony deduct'd, after we have a Bill for the Paym^{t}, of it, past to us under y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Seale, yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: may please to consider (y^{t}: if this thing be suffered) w^{t}: all the Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Merch^{ts}: will think for the future, we shall make noe abatm^{t}: upon w^{t}: mony is due to us from y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: for we ought to have it, We also understand from yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: letter y^{t}: Terregara Bacimpa Chitty, &^{ca}: Merch^{ts}: came to yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: and gave you to understand y^{t}: they would make more abatm^{ts}: then we if you would give y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Employm^{t}: to them, and y^{t}: they were willing to Joyne wth: us in trade, & if we do not Joyn wth: them you would give them y^{e}: whole trade, to w^{ch}: we answer since they have promis'd w^{t}: may be to y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: advantage, yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: may please to lett them have it for we cant Joyne trade wth: them nor make any more abatements upon the goods, but at any other tyme w^{n}: yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: is minded to imploy us, then we shall be ready at your service, we shall not enlarge, but desire yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: to bring all these things into your Serious Consideration, and send downe our mony which is due upon o^{r}: Bale.

Terregary Muslia.
Chundoore Davaloo.
Chintelapoonte (Mutte)aloo.
Nagundla Lingapa.
Pasmte Accana.

TRANSLATE OF A LR̃E FROM WARDONA GRUA &ca : MADAPOLM : MERCHTS : TO THE HONBLE : WM : GYFFORD ESQR PRESIDT : AND GOVERNOUR DATED YR : 28TH : MAY 1685.

Wee Wordanene G[r]uapah, Goobath Lingana & Coonda Latchiah recd ye : lr̃e : yor : Honr : sent us, & observ'd ye : contents thereof yor : Honr : wrote therein yt : you had given notice to Mr : Wales to pass bills to us, for wt : goods we had creditt'd ye : Honble : Compa : for, & had order'd him to make up accts : between Collapilla Narso and us, we spoake to him before his departure, but he did not end any thing, he being design'd for ye : ffort we sent or : Consorts after him, ye : lr̃e yor : Honrs : wrote [wch :] we deliver'd to Mangoraja, and he deliver'd it to ye : Councell, but they sd : they could doe nothing in it, because it came not direct'd to ym :, and because it will be some tyme before we can receive an answer from ye : ffort, we have therefore deliver'd ye : same weavours we imploy'd last year, wt : mony we have gott ready for ye : Joynt Stock to provide goods, according to ye : Rt : Honble : Compas : Musters (as C[o]llipilla Narso doth) and when yor : honr : sees ye : goods he provides, & ye : goods we provide, yor Honr : will yn : se ye : differrence, Munga Raja and Collapilla Narso, and soe much against us, yt : they will never discourse wth us, we have been hitherto very much incouraged by ye : Rt : Honble : Compa : therefore their business under our Charge shall never be neglect'd, these People yt : ψsent this to yor : Honr :, we humbly beg you will please to hear wt : they have to say, and dispatch ym : so soon as your Honr : Can Conveniently

[W]ARDONA GRUAH.
GOOBA LINGANA.
COONDA LATCHIAH.

TRANSLATE [. . .] FROM YABOGEE PONTULO [. . .] HONBLE : WM : GYFFORD ESQ [. . .]

[I] Enjoy good hea[lth and sha]ll be very glad to heare you doe the [same,] youre Honor : was pleased to send me a Letter which [I] Received, and observed ye : Contents you wrote theirin yt : there were 4 timbers drove Ashore at a place named Wooroooroo [. . .] my Government, and your Honour desired to have them deliverd back when I was att Lingapas Camp I heard of the same thing your Honour wrote to the Avolder of St : Thome' about it and he Answered you without the Divans leave would not deliver them up, tis six moneths since the timbers were drove ashore of ye : above mentioned place and while I was att Serepe the Divan ordered thresholds and dore Cases to [be] made of said Timbers which was Accordingly done but we did not knowe they belonged to youre Honoure for had [. . .] they should not have been medled with, when I came to give youre Honour a Visitt, you never mentioned it and your Hon[nour] knowes yt : if ye : Divan had occasion for foure Tymbers your Hono[ur] would not deny us, what signifies these 4 Tymbers either to your Honour or the Divan, soe long as youre Honour, and I am [soe] great [friends . . .] I knowe ye : Timbers had belonged to youre [. . .] they sho[uld imm]ediately have been sent back, these Tymbors [. . .] ving a [. . .] Divans Towne, they be right belonged to him therefore [I ordered] A Godowne to be made of them first when they drov [. . .] here ye : watch people seized them and had A great deal of [trouble] to gett them out of their hands because these Tymbers came by Chance, Therefore I ordered A Godowne to be built of them, I have wrote to his Excellency Lingapa of this business to the same Contents, these Tymbers have been drove A shore there this six months and what can I doe now youre Honour stands for them, youre Honour being an Unders[tanding] person and ye : Timbers being used for ye : Divans Acco : I [need] not Enlarge upon it, but begg youre Honours Commands.

TRANSLATE OF A LRE FROM MEROO SUDERDEE[N] MAHOMED BABBAH FROM PETTIPOLEE TO Y^E: HONO^BLE: W^M: GYFFORD ESQ^R: PRESIDENT DATED JUNE 1685.

I Enjoy good health and shall be very glad to heare the like from youre Hono^r: when youre Hono^r: [was att] Metchlepatam I [was to waite on you, and [. . .] to [. . .] Arrival [. . .] you [. . .] Hono^r: [. . .] yearely [to . . .] shall doe bringing [. . .] according [. . .] Muster, but desir [. . .] Joyne [with . . .] Merchts: I shall [not] att any time remain [. . .] Comp^a: but serve y^m: as other Merchants [do . . .] to doe me this favour, Else I shall wait on [. . .] to trouble youre Honour about it but for [. . .] sent only my son, which I desire youre Hon [. . .] please to heare and grant his request, and lay your [e hon]ours Further Commands upon me.

COODALOORE Y^E [...] JUNE 1685

TO THE HON^BLE: WILL^M: GYFFORD ESQ^R:
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R: &^CA: COUNCILL
IN FORT S^T: GEORGE.

Hon^ble: S^r: &^ca:

Wee have Rec^d: youres of y^e: 11^th: Curr^t: and shall now Respectfully reply thereto.

By noe meanes wee should not have omitted the sending you M^r: Ords Accompt, as it is stated in our bookes, that soe you might have Judged who had [been] in the Errour, had wee [not] for his satisfaction remitted [to] him before and thought he would have shewed it yo [. . .] Doub[t]less he would had there been any thing that [. . .] have made to his purpose but finding he hath [. . .] being disatisfied that wee should cofirme that he was soe much A Debtor as formerly advised without giving you any other which thought alltogeather unnecessary for the Reasons said wee therefore crave youre pardon for y^e: omission and now Remitt his Accompt, and desire you will please to Advise if you Esteem him a Debtor, whether it shall Remain in our bookes or be cleared of by youre Accompt Currant which with submission think would doe well because wee shall not have the oppertunity of clearing it with him, the Differences in y^e Accompt wee now send with what formerly Advised is occasioned by Receiving some Broadcloth from Conimeer which he had left there for y^e amount of which have given him Creditt, there is allsoe six yards of Broadcloth, fine, with which he is Charged which he sayes was given to Captaine Bromwell and others at Trimlevass for Assisting him in the provision of the Rice, which desire you will please to Ad[vise] whether wee shall Creditt him for or whether you will doe [. . .] now y^e Errour that we observe in his accompt is y^t: he hath [. . . in the] Rochester of which he hath given noe Account therefore that [ought] to be charged on him which you will find done of that Accompt stated on the back side of his Accompt for the musters, he writes concerning; M^r: Davis knowes nothing of them and had there been any such thing [. . .] ought to have had Creditt for them which he [. . .] had it been omitted if any such thing had Appear[ed on re]mains it should have been brought to his Creditt, herewith Remitt you Coppie of his Letter, wherein he declares himselfe not to be Indebted, which you may please to have compared with his Accompt.

The Porto Novo Merchants are not obliged in any past Contract to take of any goods y^t: come from Europe, except in y^e: last wherin they oblige themselves to take of some on the next Investment, but in our first Contract, objected against it, and in the last were not obliged thereto, though wee have Endeavoured what possible to perswade them to it, having soe Considerable a quantity on our hands, but by noe meanes to be prevailed with to doe it, on this present Investment, herewith remitt you their Accompt Curr^t: by which you will see what good[s] and

Treasure hath been delivered, and what Received from them since our settlement in these parts whatever contract you [will] please to order to be made with them for the future they shall be obliged to take of proportionable thereto in Europe goods and if wee shall have none att present, to doe it on the same Acco^{t}: when wee shall & punctually observe youre orders in all things for ['tis] most Certain if any under youre direction shall presume [to act any] thing to y^{e}: Contrary, neither the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: nor you are obliged to y^{e}: performance thereof.

When you shall please to Consider the great Exigency's wee have been driven to for money, to defray our Expences and supplying other necessary occasions having been out [of] Cash from the ꝑ^{r} m^{o}: Aprill, and not able to take up any more money on Creditt, and not a Farthing in the Factory, hope it may plead our excuses for making Applycation to you for A supply, and though wee knowe the Right Honourable Company to be a most worthy and Rich society, yet if these people are not to be possest with A beleife thereof what can be said, and there is nothing can better Induce them to it, then the greatness of their trade, for Indeed the subidar hath not stuck to say not long since that notwithstanding all our boastings what A Trade wee would drive in these parts, the Spaniards perticular ships have Invested more money then the Company though we must needs say t'was very unadvisedly done for be our trade little or much, y^{e} Divan and his Countrey is soe much the more Inriched by it then he would be in our Absence wee doe bless God for the newes you are pleased to Advise of the [safty of] ships Annapourna, & [. . .] In his due time will Arrive in safty [. .] you.

Indeed wee would badly [sp]are money for y^{e} purchase of [. . .] had not [done] it had wee not a long time waited for [. . .] to furnish our [. . . .] such necessaries, y^{t}: wee [. .] in some Creditt [. . . .] natives, for y^{e}: Hono^{r}: of [. . . .] as well our neigh[bours the D]utch.

Wee shall att noe time order any thing Contradictory to [yo^{r}] orders but since you have been pleased to Entrust us with the care of y^{e} Affaires att Porto Novo hope they will att all times observe our Orders.

The Cost of y^{e}: 3 Bailes of Broadcloth sent you from Porto Nova on sloop James Amount Pago^{s}: 1834: 24 for w^{ch}: please to give our Account Creditt.

M^{r}: Cawley was very unworthy in Advising you such a Story y^{t}: M^{r}: Davis debar'd him from sorting y^{e}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: cloath, for it will appear under his own hand to our Consultation of 16th: May that he was ordered to sort with M^{r}: Davis to which humbly treat you will please to be refered, and for y^{e}: future take noe notice of Com[plaints] of men of soe little Consience, y^{t}: matter not what they say or doe to y^{e} Prejudice of their neighbour, what you are pleased to order as to the sorting of the cloath shall be observed, though if you please to consider there is noe one sort of cloth y^{t}: wee receive from y^{e} Merchants but is Reduced to two or three numbers & therfore where there is soe many sorters it [m]ust needs occasion severall ꝑ^{r}cells of severall numbers, and one and the same sort of cloth, which without speciall [care will] occasion great mistakes therefore humbly treat for prevention thereof, if you think convenient to send downe some trusty and carefull ꝑ^{r}son to see it Embailed after sorting, for there is noe trust to our black servants being soe careless, and cannot be expected y^{t}: those y^{t}: sort it should see it Embailed, taking up a great deale of time and care to sort, the Method wee used before was to put all cloth of one No^{br}: into one ꝑ^{r}cell when they could not be soe subject to mistake in the Embailing of it, & y^{e}: warehouse keeper to put his Tickett in every bale, w^{ch}: cannot be done now, because each man signes w^{t}: he sorts, therfore must be made up seperately.

The Kempthorne was not detained above seaven or Eight days att this Port, and Porto Novo, and had not been soe long had not the ship wanted some necessaries, when it shall please God to Arrive any of y^{e} other ships with us they shall be [Immediatly] dispatched towards you except any Interloper in these parts. In such case shall Detaine them till further order.

Wee herewith forward three Letters Received from Conimeer of Date viz^{t}: 24th October 19th: Novemb^{r}: and 18th: of June in y^{e} two for [mer] of which they

Advise these Merchants to Abate 1 ℔ Cent on [their . . . Investment,] and to pay the Customes upon w^ch^: after some [. . .] our Merchants obliged them to consent to y^e^ same con[ditions] if they had done it, but coming to make Acco^t^: with our Merchants had not done it, but were willing to allow 1 ℔ Cent as they had done which in y^e^ last letter from Conimeer find to be soe wee shall therefore deferr making up Acco^t^: with our Merchants till we shall have youre orders how to proceed in y^e^ buisness.

Wee herewith remitt you ship Kempthorns Invoyces for what goods laden from this port, & Porto Novo, for y^e^ Amo^t^: of w^ch^: desire you will please to give us Creditt.

What money you were pleased to order to be disbursed about y^e^ Building at Porto Novo is all expended in walling in y^e^ grownd given by y^e^ subidar to y^e^ R^t^: Hono^ble^: Comp^a^: as an addition to what they had before, & for y^e^ provision of other Necessarys, therefore desire you would please to order whether wee shall goe on in building such necessaryes as are requisite, in which shall be as frugall as may be, there being att present but one roome for the Accomodation of y^e^ Chief &c^a^: Comp^as^: servants, soe that when there we are forced all to Lodge together, & have not Conveniency to doe our business, which is what offers att pres^t^: from

Hono^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:
Youre most Humble & obedient Serv^ts^:
JOHN DAVIS.
RALPH INGRAM.

CONIMEER OCTOBER 24^TH^: 84.

To M^R^: JOHN DAVIS CHIEF
&c^A^: COUNCELL IN COODALOORE.
S^rs^

Youres of y^e^ 21^st^ Instant wee Received y^e^ 22^d^ in y^e^ Evening and according to youre order for y^e^ better Regulating of youre Contract wee have sent you y^e^ ℔ticulars of ours as follows viz^t^:

	Charges.
Poddaveile Betteelaes	200
Succatums	100
Comzalus new white	300
Long cloath 75 coveds N^r^: D	50
Morees	500
Betteelaes	600
Percollaes	50
Sallampores fine	100
Sallampores ordinary	100
Long Cloath Ordinary	150
Ditto fine	50
Ditto blew	100
Neckcloths	200

Upon y^e^ forementioned we have Abated 1 ℔cent more exce[pting] only the new sorts, which being [. . .] upon them as for y^e^ silver, wee had [. . .] a generall [. . .] Fort advising us they had Disposed of [their] Ryalls $\frac{8}{8}$ [. . . at 16] for 10 pag^os^: and y^t^: they had put off their [Europe goods vizt . . .] Broad cloath fine att 55 pag^os^: ℔ halfe peece [Ditto Ordinary att] Pago^s^: 211 Allum att 27 pag^os^: ℔ Candy, Cloath [Raches . . .] 18½ ℔ peece, Per [petuanas att] Pagodas 7½ ℔ peece [. . .] Pag^os^: 10 ℔ Candy: Quicksilver at Pago^s^: 11 ℔ maund [. . .] Virmillian. Upon all y^e^ foregoing sorts & prices accord [ing] to Contract, which our Merchants they are to advance [6 ℔ Cent] as for y^e^ Correell y^e^ price is not yet Concluded on at y^e^ Fort for which wee must stay The Barr silver wee

likewise find a difference in: but have sent Essayes thereof to y^e^ Fort for them to prove what fineness tis off there, for wee would not trust to our own Judgement, nor to y^e^ Report of our merchants and for whose answer both ourselves and you must wait when it comes shall advise of it, Wee have received youres of y^e^ 22^th^ with the Cowle soe this being y^e^ needfull we Remaine

S^rs^:
Your Affe̅conate ffriends.
JOHN WILLCOX.
RICH: MILTON.
BENJ^N^: BLOOME.

CONIMEER NOVEM^BR^. 19^TH^ 1684.

To M^R^: JOHN DAVIS CHIEF
&C^A^: COUNCELL IN COODALOORE.

S^rs^.

Yours of y^e^: 17^th^: wee Rec^d^: yesterday at night & According to your desires have Remitted you y^e^: halfe of our musters with their prices & Contents, which have been well Approv'd of at y^e^: Fort, wee have obliged o^r^: merch^ts^: to pay the Custome, soe y^e^: English name now upon y^r^: Acco^t^: will never more appeare in y^e^: Divans books here; our merch^ts^: have been Exceeding troublesome to us of late, saying that wee have dealt more hardly with them here then you have done with yours at Coodaloor and affirming that yours have much gott the Advantage of them in providing a greater quantity of fine goods (e̅specially Betteelaes) then they doe here and notwithstanding wee have often told them they ought not to concern themselves with other places, and y^t^: they were obliged to stand to the Contract wee made with them, they will not desist nor be quiet wee therefore desire you to remitt us y^e^: ℔usall of your present Contract that thereby wee may appease their Clamours otherwise wee fear our Merch^ts^: may raise Difficulties & old troubles which may be in the End very prejudiciall to y^e^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^, Wee therefore desire you to send a ℔ticular Acco^t^: upon what termes and how you have disposed of y^e^: Europe goods y^t^: came last by y^e^: Royall James sloop, if you have Disposed of y^m^: better with you then wee have of our's here wee may bring our Merch^ts^: to youre termes, for they say that they will stand to: soe this being the needfull. Wee Remain

S^rs^:
Your Affe̅conate ffriends
JOHN WILLCOX
RICH: MILTON
BENJA^N^: BLOOME.

CONIMEER Y^E^: 18^TH^: JUNE 1685.

To M^R^: JOHN DAVIS CHEIF
&C^A^: COUNCELL IN COODALOORE.

Gentlemen

Youres of yesterdays date I just now Received and being very willing to Instruct you in any thing that may tend to y^e^ Hono^ble^: Company's service, shall now Explain my former Letter and Acquaint you y^t^: y^e^ one ℔ Cent abatement is the Custome which y^e^ Merch^ts^: must pay, I heartily wish youre Merch^ts^: would doe some [thing for y^e^] Comp^as^: Service, that ours might Imitate them and certainly twould be more Credl̅e for you to sett us a patterne then to take it from our selves (you being as you think our superiours) which being y^e^ needfull subscribe

S^rs^
Youre humble Servant
RICH: MILTON.

BENCOOLEN, JANUARY 29TH: 1684.

[1685]

At a Consul[ta]tion.

This Evening Recd: by a fflying Prow three Ltrs: two from Mr: Clement du Jardin, and one from Robert Chiswell, who departed from us ye 20th: Decembr: in ye sloop Rochester, bound to Indrapoura, ye Letters intimating that by Accident in going over ye Barr she came ashoar, which hath dammaged both sloop, and goods, but not soe much, but [. . .], into the River, Mr: Jardin[. . .] he is very sick and all his Company except four men and doth require ye ship Emoy Mercht: to make the best of her way thither to him which is a thing that wee the subscribers thinking it a thing cannot possibly be done with the hands wee have now well and men dayly drooping down having 14 men sick, & 5 men dead, and a great deale of money owing to ye Honoble: Compa: and now having 6 hundred and [fifty ?] Bahar of pepper and a Considerable Cargo on board ship therefore wee the subscribers doe think it Convenient to send letters to hasten them hither if possible before or: Departure for wee know not how soon wee may be forcst out of this Road having yesterday lost our best bower Anchor whereunto [wee have seve]rally sett our hands as thinking it most Advantageous for the Compas: Interest.

COPIA.

EDWARD DUCKWORTH, Carpenter
JOHN RICHARDSON, Gunner[?]
JOHN ALLEN, Boatswain
THOMAS GOFFE, Purser
JOHN SPENCER, Commander

IN THE ROADE OF BENCOOLEN, FEB: YE: 10TH:

AT A CONSULTATION ON BOARD SHIP EMOY MERCHT:

being Present

CAPT: JOHN SPENCER.
MR: THOMAS GOFFE.
MR: RICH: BAXTER.
MR: JOHN ALLEN.
MR: JOHN RICHARDSON.
MR: EDWARD DUCKWORTH.

For the Negotiating ye Honoble: Compas: Affaires.

Itt having pleased ye Allmighty God to take away our Cape Merchant Mr: John Goddard & Mr: Clement du Jardin being departed with the sloop Rochester for Indeapoura and Senr: Jacinta Ribera being soe Indisposed with the Calinture that wee had none of ye Honoble: Compas: Commissioners to negotiate in their Affaires we thought it our duty not to lett the Honoble: Compas: Affaires goe to ruin but Immediately overlook their book [. . .] the King of Bencoolen Indebted to the Honoble: Compa: twelve hundred Ryalls of 8s ye King of Sylabar one hundred and fifty with Orang[k]ey Lilley me Raja Eight hundred and odd Dollrs: wee Committed ye Company's affaires from yt: time into the hands of Capt: John Spencer & he demanding yr abovesaid debts they Answered mighty Civilly but they had pepper enough to pay us which would be here in two or three dayes time the which time wee did our best Endeavours to sell the Honoble: Compas: Cloath but still after many dayes weighing of pepper of ye Countrey peoples yt: was dayly brought downe by small quantitys when wee demanded our money of ye King of Bencoolen he puts us off wth: ye same answer he had often done before and was often coming to us to ask for cloth upon trust as he had before but not thinking it Convenient to trust him untill he had payd former debts wee put him off with as kind answers as wee could which he seemingly Accepted of, told us that if wee would bring cloth ashoar, he would bring us money and take ye cloath

upon which wee sent y^e^ cloath ashore to our house M^r^: Clement' du Jardin had hired for y^e^ Hono^ble^: Comp^a^: and y^e^ two Rantakers that M^r^: Clem^t^: du Jardin promis'd him when y^e^ ship was Laden, now we having allmost all our pepper aboard expecting to Cleare o^r^: selves of this place in 2 dayes, the King of Bencooleen set our house on fire, and had much to doe to save our lives with y^t^: little goods wee did save, and att Intrim had 3 prowes laden in the River with pepper Intending for y^e^ ship y^e^ next morning, but cannot pass one great danger wee went through, with our long boat being deep laden with pepper and having put all the Cloath &c^a^: goods of y^e^ Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: into her, when wee put from the shoar, wee found her soe deep y^t^: wee were forcst to Leave most of y^e^ pepper overboard and nevertheless without much Difficulty could hardly reach the ship, afterwards having gott our ship wee there remain'd the next day expecting some of y^e^ natives to come off to us, and give us tidings what became of the rest of our goods, and y^e^ next day (being Saboath day) thought it not convenient to doe anything still expecting somebody from the shoar, but finding none to come, the next morning wee thought fitt y^t^: Cap^t^: John Spencer might goe in with the boate, where he found two prowes and he supposing y^t^: they might have some of y^e^: Hono^ble^: Comp^a^: goods in them he went on board of one in which he found four Mallay men, of which he took one out of her and disarming all the rest Put two of our men into her ordering them for y^e^ ship, then rowing after y^e^ other she being neare the shoare rowed on shore so that I could not come to her, then seing of another prow coming from the [Kisna-River] he made to her and tooke her [. . .] found 12 men and shee being laden with pepper wee [took] on board and weighed it in the meane time Cap^t^ John Spencer was gone to look after the Prow with our two English men but before he could come to them they were put ashore and gon to the towne then y^e^ Capt^t^: Came on board and afternoon wee [thought] fitt he might goe ashore againe and send for Orangkey and other of y^e^ Inhabitants of that Place and discourse them that wee might understand how y^e^ Comp^as^: affaires on shore stood affected y^e^ which he did and carryed one of their men ashore along with him and sent him to the King, desiring that he might treat with him and likewise sent his Linguister to Orangkey and he came Immediately, but y^e^ King did not the Cap^t^: askt orankey what became of the Hono^ble^: Comp^a^: goods, that was left on shore after the Dreadfull fire, he made Answer that the King had seized upon them & said they were his & that belonged to him.

Now wee seing that the Hono^ble^: Comp^a^: having sustained many damages by this King would doe our best endeavours to gett restitution but finding ourselves to weak not having men enough well to man both boats & having two of our men under this Kings Custody on shoar & y^t^: y^e^ sloop Rochester w^th^: M^r^: Clement du Jardin is not come back from Indeapoura, and expecting shee may come here after wee are gone wee thinke it not Convenient to use violence but y^t^: Cap^t^: John Spencer goes ashoar with his boat & use his uttmost endeavours to treat with y^e^ King & come to some fair Composition with them both for effecting y^e^ Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: Affairs and releasing our two men which is all wee think fitt to propose untill wee see y^e^ event of Cap^t^: John Spencers Entreaty

COPIA.

EDWARD DUCKWORTH.
JOHN RICHARDSON.
JOHN ALLEN.
RICHARD BAXTER.
JOHN SPENCER.

MUY NOBRE SENHOR WILLIAM GIFFORD
GOVERNADOR E PRESIDENTE DA FORTALESA
DE S. GEORGE PELLA REAL COMP^A^ INGLESA

Recebi a carta de VS^ia^: pellos snoſs do seu Concelho em q fiz a| divida estimacaõ e juntamente outra q he a resposta p^a^ VSñor Governadõr Geral de Battavia, esteja VS^ia^: seguro q as enviarei nas nossas nãos q ficamos esperando, e partiraõ cõ brevidade p^a^: La:

Crente das novas q VS^{ia} ; me fez participante, Rendo lhe as gracas pella boa vontade q se mostrou, e tambẽ do aviso que me tinha feito da partida de seus barcos p^{a} Europa na prim^{ra} carta q recebi de VS^{ia} sera enviado por maos de minha seg^{da} pessoã, offerecendo me se tinha alguas cartas p^{a} emviar, e como nãõ me fazia tanto mister, nãõ lhe remeti ; e fiquo muy agradecidu, havendo causas em q possa servir a VS^{ia} me achara muito, cõ o mesmo zello e vontade q sempre na sua me mostra. Cuja pessoa o Ceo guarde como deseja este.

GELDRIA 5 DE JULHO 1685

DE VS^{IA} M^{TO} CERTO AMIGO
JACOB JORIS PITS

VIZAGAPATAM JUNE 8TH : 1685.

TO THE HONO^{BLE} : WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR :
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R} : &C^{A} : COUNCILL
Hono^{ble} S^{r} : &c^{a} :

Yours of y^{e} 10th : Aprill and ꝑ^{rmo} : May have now before us which wee shall give the necessary Answer to.

In the former are ordered to give Acco^{t} : Curr^{t} : Fort St : George Creditt for Pag^{s} ; 30 : 32 : fan^{s} : being the Charges upon y^{e} silver sent over which is accordingly done.

The Sloope Gingerlee you designe to detaine longer having Imployment for, but hope you will send her to us as soon as possible, And M^{r} : Levesson upon her, for now wee shall have an urgent occasion of her to send downe to Punda Barba to fetch up y^{e} R^{t} : Hono^{ble} : Comp^{as} Turmerick having there a Considerable lying ready.

Charles Fleetwood Arrived here y^{e} 15th past moneth who returnes you his most humble thanks for your [. . . .] of [. . .] Though but a writer, and are [. . .] he is Intrusted with, will in a small time, Demonstrate his thankfullness.

Youre Orders as to y^{e} keeping up our Acco^{ts} : shall be observed the books are brought up to A Ballance which shall be by y^{e} next Conveyance Remitted to you.

Our Acco^{t} : Curr^{t} : Fort S^{t} : George with our Consultation Acco^{t} : Cash, stewards Acco^{ts} : for y^{e} months of Feb^{y} : March, & Aprill come Inclosed.

The Paper menc̃oned in youre former shall give you Creditt for in our new books which came to our hands from Madapoll^{m} : y^{e} ꝑ^{r} mo : Instant.

You are pleased to take notice that ours of the 25th : March past came to youre Reception without our firme which agreeable to your directions comes herewith signed, and crave youre pardon for y^{e} neglect.

Wee shall use our uttmost Endeavours in Complyance with our Promise, as to an Early Investment which we have Assurance will be compleated According to Contract our Cloth dayly coming in.

The Pag^{s} : 427 : 27 : 4 Cash have debted Acco^{t} : Curr^{t} : Fort S^{t} : George, for : before y^{e} Rec̃t : of youre orders because George Ramsden had satisfied his full Debt to the Hono^{ble} : Comp^{a} : here.

The ground Platt have allsoe Rec^{d} : from which shall take our Measures.

The sloop Thomas belonging to y^{e} R^{t} : Hono^{ble} : Comp^{a} : being designed from Bengall to y^{e} Fort with Turmerick and salt Ptre meeting with Contrary winds was forced to put Into Carrangoe where y^{e} Cheif & Councell att Madapoll^{m} : advised y^{e} master to bring her downe to this Port and Accordingly shee Arrived here y^{e} 6th : May : wee brought her into y^{e} River where shee waits youre Hon^{rs} : &c^{a} ; orders, I rec^{d} : out of her

	Baggs.
Turmerick	391
Salt Peter	200

Richard Browne humbly craves leave to repair to y^{e} Fort the urgent necessity of his affaires by his distant Residence Requiring his ꝑ^{r} sence to settle his Conoerns and will be a very great favour.

George Ramsden humbly Requests his obligacon delivered his Hon^{r}: y^{e} 9th: March last past for some part of his debt due to y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: to be Returned him, which for some time past hath been satisfied, which being y^{e} needfull at p^{r} sent most Respectfully Remain Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}: youre very humble serv^{ts}:

RICH: BROWN.
GEORGE RAMSDEN.
CHARLES FLEETWOOD.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM GOPALL PUNDITT SOBADAR OF PORTO NOVO TO Y^{E} HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}: DATED JUNE 1685.

I enjoy good health and shall be very glad to heare y^{e} like from your Hon^{r}:, I rec^{d}: y^{e}: letter youre Hon^{r}: sent me, and was well pleased att the Contents thereof, when M^{r}: Ord came hither he Accquainted me youre Hon^{r}: was desireous y^{t}: I should come and see youre Fort, and that you had a mind to see and discourse me, I told him I could not come without Maha Rajas leave, and then wait on youre hono^{r}: to which he Answered me I might gett Maha Rajas leave; which I did, and he granted me liberty, I am designed for the Camp, but shall first wait on youre hono^{r}:, and then (with youre leave) proceed thither soe soon as I Rec^{d}: your Answer to this if you p^{r} mitt me I shall sett forwards towards Youre Hon^{r}:, till when I shall not Enlarge but in the meane tyme desire youre Hon^{rs}: Commands

TRANSLATE OF A LRE FROM SANCROGEE PONTULO FROM CODALOOR TO THE HONO^{BLE}: WILL^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: GOVER^{R}:

DATED THE 16 JUNE 1685.

Gopall Pundit being desireous to wait on youre Hon^{r}: has obteyned leave from his Excellency Harja Raja, and designes to proceed towards you when he Receives youre licence for it, he is going for y^{e} Camp: but designes to come to discource youre Hon^{r}: in his way thither, of which he hath wrote to you att large youre Hon^{r}: may please to bring this to youre serious Consideration write us an Answer, & wee shall follow your Hon^{rs}: Commands therein

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VIZAGAPATAM JUNE 12TH: 1685.

TO THE HONO^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

The 8th Instant wee did lately advice of all Occurrances and have not to Inlarge by youre Peons now returned save to Accquaint you y^{t}: since our last dispatch have made up the Acco^{ts}: of the Townes Revenue, which is this yeare Increased by 400 Rup^{s}: then formerly which presume has bin occasion'd by the knavery of our late Duebash Janadree who as you may please to understand have Approp[r]iated parte thereof to his own Advantage as by y^{e} Inclosed paper which wee send you Attested y^{t}: may make him disgorge [ ] the [. . . . .] he [. . . . .] ly take out of one last [. . . . .] the least of his faults) an undeniable Argument of his unfaithfullness and Incapacity for the Imploy and y^{e} Justness of our proceedings against him, which is the needfull worthy notice from

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Youre very humble Serv^{ts}:

R: BROWNE.
GEO: RAMSDEN.
CHARLES FLEETWOOD.

An Acco^{t}: of moneyes taken by Genadry Vizagapa^{m}: Duebash from the Inhabitants of the s^{d}: Towne when he had the Governour of y^{e} s^{d}: Towne in his hands.

	Rup^{s}:
From Cashcahe townes People	34: ¾
ffrom y^{e} Renters of y^{e} Beetle leaves	13
ffrom Pilate & Lasharrs as Bribes	42: ½
ffrom y^{e} Inhabitants of Vizagapa^{m}:	6: ¾
ffrom y^{e} Inhabitants of small town's belong^{g}: to Vizp^{m}: ...	43
ffrom y^{e} same people two p^{s}: of Bettelaes vall̃	8: ¼
Bribes from Walleteroo	15
Bettelaes from Ditto	7
Gain'd from Wadapoondoo...	13: ⅝
ffrom d^{o}: one p^{s}: of Bettelaes	2: ¼
Malleaperum Noyloo gave Genadry	10
He forgave Pescesinga y^{e} Custome of some cloth and took for his own use	13
	208: ⅞

All the Money above mentioned was took wrongfully and those it was taken from have signed to this paper.

TRANSLATE OF A L̃RE FROM BRAMENY PODALA LINGAPA FROM SEREPE TO THE HONO^{BLE}: WILL^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT DATED JUNE 1685.

I enjoy good health, & shall be very glad to heare the same from youre Hon^{r}: I rec^{d}: yo^{r}: letter and have observed the Contents thereof with which I rec^{d}: allsoe 1200 Pago^{s}: youre towns rent money; p^{d}: it into the Divans Exchequer; and herewith comes a Rec̃t: for the same, youre Hon^{r}: formerly [. . . .] sent me an Ellaphant and I inderstand it is a very small one. In my Camp I have severall Ellaphants belonging to y^{e} Divan Merchants, and myselfe, and doe not fancey above one or two above them all, the Ellaphant youre hon^{r}: [sent me] is so very small, that he is noe wayes serviceable to me, & had I returned him presently, youre Hon^{r}: would have taken it Ill, therefore keept him with Sangana at Conjeveron, and ordered them now to send him to youre Hon^{r}:, therefore I desire youre Hon^{r}: to keep youre favour towards me, & Receive it again, youre Hon^{r}: & I being soe great friends tis the same thing which of us keeps him, at present I have a very good Ellaphant for my use, & it will be 5 or 6 yeares before y^{t}: you sent me, will doe me any service, therefore if youre Hon^{r}: please to keep him soe long and then send him me, I shall receive him thankfully, I shall not enlarge but desire yo^{r}: Hono^{r}: often to Accquaint me of your good Health.

TRANSLATE OF A L̃RE FROM BRAMENY SANGANA AND NARRANAPAH FROM CONJRVERON TO THE HONO^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT DATED JUNE 26TH: 1685.

Wee Enjoy good health and shall be very glad to heare the like from youre Hon^{r}: y^{e} Ellaphants youre Hono^{r} sent to his Excell^{y}: he gave us order to returne them You which come herewith, which is all Except desiring youre Hon^{rs}: further Commands.

TRANSLATE OF A REC^{T}: FROM LINGAPAH FOR CHYNAPATAMS RENT MONEY.

Rec^{d}: of y^{e}: Hono^{ble}: W^{m}: Gyfford Esq^{r}: President & Governour, and Cap^{t}: More of Chynapatam, the sum̃e of 1200 Pago^{s}: for Chynapatams last yeares Rent money due to the Divan the 1st: June last past I say Received the 18th day of June 1685.

TO M̃E LINGAPAH.

TO THE HONO^{BLE}: WILLIAM GYFFORD
PRESIDENT & GOVERNO^{R} &C^{A}: COUNCELL AT FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

Our last was under y^{e}: 23^{d} March w^{n} wee gave An Acco^{t}: of what needfull to y^{t}: time since which wee have rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of y^{e} 2^{d}: March which arrived with us y^{e} 4th: passed which made us give y^{e} bearers Rup^{s}: 12 According to yo^{r}: Advices.

Wee were very glad to reade y^{t}: you had dispatched the Beaufort & Rochester for England, y^{e}: Nathaniell if you observe went from hence y^{e} same day they sayled from you God grant they may all 3 save their passages, and safely arrive with y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}:, wee heartily wish you good success in y^{e} settlement of Priaman, & as heartily wish it may Answer Expectations y^{t} Bengall Merch^{t}: was mett in y^{e} Gulph of Persia by y^{e} Williamson in her returne to us.

Wee should have been glad of some Fresh English men from you, but since it cannot be, must be contented, & wee hope a short time will bring us supply's from England, y^{t}: we may be Enabled to throughly settle Bombay, y^{e} James Sloope wee have noe Occasion for shee will be to us but a Burthen, & for Portugueze Sould^{rs}: we have noe want of them.

All y^{e} Interlopers this way is Cap^{t}: Goodlad in A ship called y^{e} Adventure of aboute 250 Tons shee went to Seynda where expended some time, & seing could doe nothing there came away hither, is now hall'd up this River where she wint^{rs}: and say in a ship about y^{e} same burthen Arrived att Muscat, wee have small hopes of Effecting any thing Against them Wee have wrote M^{r}: Faulcon concerning the Interloping ship Barcalone it will be well to put Interlopers by the nesting themselves there, but wee cannot see it of any great Import whils't they came out soe openly, they may soon be a weary of Syam of their own Accords, & will chuse rather to goe directly to those places where their Europe goods will vend best & can buy up at y^{e}: Cheapest rate choice of such goods as are propper for Europe without some orders from England to prevent it, yett youre Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: will reade in our Instructions to y^{e}: Syam Factors, y^{t}: wee have Effectually y^{e}: recomended to y^{u}: the Removing Interlop^{rs}: from thence for allthough wee cannot doe what wee would against them, yet it would be a neglect not to doe what wee can Against them.

The termes y^{t}: Bombay was delivered to S^{r}: Thomas Grantham youre Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: may Judge of by y^{e}: proposalls, & pardon come whereof is now sent.

Wee have not been Able to serve y^{e}: R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: suitable to our desires, but our uttmost endeavours have not been wanting, wee have in formers Advised how many ships wee had sent home and how wee had, and designed to Imploy those in the Countrey, the Cæsar, & Delight rec^{d}: their dispatches for England the 28 passed both fully Laden y^{e}: Williamson returned to us from Gombroone y^{e}: 9th: Instant was on her passage 18 dayes she hath made out and back about Rup^{s}: 38000 shee is now neare unladen is to winter at Carwa[rr] or Bombay, y^{e}: Barnardiston, was not Arrived Grombroon when she came thence she hath brought us noe fresh newes from Europe, wee send you now a Packett from y^{e}: R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: y^{t}: wee [*sic*] Acco^{t}: coppie y^{t}: sent you by Cap^{t}: Norgrave, y^{e}: Barnardiston wee Expect yet from Grombroone if she brings us any newes from Europe, shall Immediately send it away to youre Hon^{r}: by Expresse, wee hope youre 2 expected ships are Arriv'd early with you with a large stock & good newes y^{e}: R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: gave us notice y^{t}: wee might expect before this the prudent Mary and London, but neither Arrived as yett, God send them safe, the Sampson and Society wee have employed to Persia & Bussorah on ffreight, the Persian and Dutch not ffriends when the Williamson came thence, but in hopes of coming to a Reconcilement for y^{e}: present, but how long it may last time will shew, the Dutch endeavouring to huddle up a peace on any term the China Merch^{t}: wee have sent for China laden with the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: own goods, to y^{e}: Amo^{t}: Rup^{s}: 81757 : 15 ^{nice} as ℔ Comp^{as}: Her Invoice now sent, in all likelyhood shee will come to you to lade home, having great hopes of a settlem^{t}: at Emoy Copie the Factor[s] Instructions and Cap^{ts}: dispatch is Enclosed, M^{r}: Jn^{o}: Gladman Cheife on that designe was one of our Co[u]ncell a person of reall worth, and wee Question not but his behaviour will make him Acceptable to youre Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: wee would very fain have gave some ready money along with him, to which purpose really stoped the ship to y^{e}: last. In hopes y^{e}: ships from England would have come in or y^{e}: Williamson from Persia, but neither did, y^{e}: Faulcon must returne to us, because of goods on

ffreight, Copie y^e^: Inv^s^: of what Laden on her for Acco^t^: y^e^: R^t^: Hono^ble^: Comp^a^: is now Remitted Amo^ts^: to Rup^s^: 41016: 5 pice togeather with Copie y^e^: ffactors Instructions & Cap^ts^: dispatches, wee shall not Charge you with these Invo^s^: now but the two voyages, and hereafter when wee see they settle, shall carry y^e^ voiages to youre Debt and Advise thereof, & soe wishing a good settlement in both places and that what wee have done therin may prove Acceptable to the R^t^: Hono^ble^: Comp^a^: and to youre Hon^r^: &c^a^: [serve] both to [youre] future disposure & management he [. . .]

Youre Hon^rs^: overland Advices were sent forward by ship Caesar, wee have not more to Add but y^t^: wee are

Hono^ble^: S^r^: & S^rs^:

SURAT Y^E^ 19^TH^ MAY 1685.

Youre very Affec̃t^e^: ffriends & humble Servants

J. CHILD.
FRAN^S^: DAY.
BAR^O^: HARRIS.

Wee have paid youre Cossetts Rupees 18 to defray there Charges to you.

To THE HONO^BLE^: WILLIAM GYFFORD PRESIDENT OF THE COAST CORMANDELL BAY OF BENGALLA &C^A^: & GOVERN^R^: OF FORT S^T^: GEORGE &C^A^: COUNCELL ATT MADRASPATAM.

Wee hold ourselves very much obliged to you^r^: Hon^r^: for y^e^: ℔ticular Generall of the 2^d^: March last, togeather for y^e^ severall papers y^t^: came with it in reading whereof wee have received great satisfaction, & doubtless they will in y^e^ Eye of all speake youre Zeale for the Hon^r^: and good of youre nation and prudent mannagement of Affaires for y^e^ R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: Interest, the President beggs pardon for y^t^: expression in his last y^t^: you Justly seeme concerned at, for it plainly appeares that he was out, and y^t^: you Appeare not at all too hott wee should be glad to heare y^t^: Interlopers were wholly sillenced that y^e^ power the R^t^: Hon̄o^ble^: Comp^a^: is Invested withall in these parts by his Ma^ties^: Royall Charters may appeare to be of force and then an order from them to Right them on the Mogull &c^a^: will be wellcome, and wee truely think nothing will prevaile to make us live in Hon^r^: and esteeme in y^e^ Mogulls Dominion but to shew some force with prudence, and a due Consideration as in the Presidents ℔^r^ticular to youre Hon^r^: &c^a^: which hath been Communicated unto us, yett wee think youre Hon^r^: hath done very well in making complaint to y^e^ King, only wee Could wish you had left out that Expression of leaving his Countrey, for he is old & very peevish and an Enymy to all Christians, a perfect tyrant, & minds not att all the good of his subjects wee shall Assist what wee can at Court and heartily wish as shall heartily endeavour y^t^: it may meet with success; but too much feare it will prove Ineffectuall however it will be a Just warrant; and what wee may plead hereafter for our [. . .] when wee come [to] use Force, by the Articles of Peace wee understand y^e^ Dutch may Transport goods too and fro, of [as] much as are att Amity with us, but wee cannot see they can any way reach a pretence to fight us on y^e^ Mogulls Acco^t^: wee heartily wish good success to youre Hono^r^: & y^t^: health and happiness may Attend you &c^a^: our ffriends with you, which ends there from

Youre Hon^rs^: &c^a^: Humble Servants

SURRAT, MAY Y^E^ 26^TH^: 1685.

J^N^: CHILD.
FRAN^S^: DAY.
BAR^O^: HARRIS.

To M^R^: ROB^T^: HARBIN CHEIFE.
M^R^: DANIELL GYFFORD SECOND.
M^R^: THO: YALE THIRD.
Our Loving Friends.

Bound for Syam on ship Faulcon to settle a Factory there.

Wee hope you will all three Answer our hopes and Reasonable Expectations, in a prudent management of this affair committed to your charge with all faith-

fullness too and upright Zeale for y^e^: R^t^: Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: Interest with honour to youre nation and benefitt to them; wish becoming frugallity in all youre Expences which is both youre duties & Interest; motives sufficient for men of any Ingenuity and wee cannot think but y^t^: you will behave youreselves soe as may be to youre Reputations and future Advantage which wee heartily wish, and heartily begg Gods blessingy^t^: you may meet w^th^: good success y^e^ Cargo wee send on y^e^ R^t^: Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: Acco^t^: is not soe large nor soe good as wee could wish, but such as our Conditions att present will p^r^ mitt; wee appoint you M^r^: Rob^t^: Harbin Cheife and doe Expect y^t^: all pay you Respects Accordingly; M^r^: Daniel Gyfford Second, & M^r^: Thomas Yale Third, recommending effectually to you to unanimostly hold togeather love one another and advance y^e^ publique Intrest what you can it Highly Import the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: y^t^: you settle at Syam, therefore use all possible meanes to Effect it, and lett not any little Punctillio cause any difference between you or any att Syam y^e^: R^t^: Hono^ble^: Comp^a^: have suffered by the folly of some of their servants y^t^: have been there Cheifly from peavishness &c^a^: giving dislike to M^r^: Constant Faulcon thinking meane of him, because he came out in one of y^e^ Comp^as^: ships in a meane Imployment but it's knowne, quite otherwise; and he by his Ingenuity, worthyly to be commended and Esteemed: hath raised himselfe high in y^e^ King of Syams favour and trust wee would have you give him all fitting respect and treat him with all Handsomeness; y^e^: gaining on him, wee doe understand y^e^ onlyst way to secure a settlement at Syam, and wee have [. . . . . Ingenious Enough] and understands soe well his owne Interest, and y^e^ Interest of the King he serves; as y^t^: he will be ready Entertaine you; with all suitable respect and undoubtedly he must have more love for us: then for y^e^ Dutch or French, y^t^: wee have allmost assurance you will settle; presumeing on which wee direct y^t^: with as much hast as may be convenient you land all goods, for what consigned you for y^e^ R^t^: Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: take youre time to dispose of it, as may be most Advantageous; it matters not whether you make us Returnes or no, but if it cou'd Conveniently be, would have some returnes but leave y^t^: to you, but doe effectually Recommend to you, to hasten y^e^ disposure what you can of the goods [on] ffreight and clap the returnes of y^m^: on board ship getting what other ffreight you can y^r^: if possible shee may be filled up att Syam, if soe send her away directly to us for wee would very faine have her here in such time y^t^: shee may be dispatched hence for England some time in January next; y^t^: shee may goe home a summer ship but if it should be soe y^t^: you cannot gett her a full ship att Syam, then lett her call att Queda to take in some goods there that wee have Agreed with Abdull Grophee about unto whose vakeele wee give you two letters, one seal'd y^t^: wee would have you send to Queda from Achein or Mallacca and y^e^ other y^t^: is open give y^e^ Command with him directing him to come to an Anchor att y^e^ Barrs foot of Queda River, and send y^e^: letter up in his boate, our Agreement is y^t^: he should stopp there but 4 dayes and y^e^ goods by y^t^: time be sent downe to him in hired boats, but to further his dispatch would have [s]end him his long boate if occasion: and be not precize to a day if he sees by stopping 2 or 3 dayes more may gett a good large p^cell of goods, on ffreight: and if there his ship be fully laden then to come away thence directly to us, but if not full, then to call att Achein, where wee have directed the 2 Banians wee send to put on shore there to provide pepper &c^a^: ready to put on board y^e^ ship taken in which, and then lett him be directed to come away directly to us; losing as little time as may be now if it should soe fall out y^t^: you cannot procure a settlement at Syam then dispose of all the goods with you at prime cost in Invoice rather then bring them back, and there proceed Invest in Copper or Toothanegg &c^a^: but buy not lead, and bring with you, observing to governe youreselves in youre passage hither, as wee have directed you to order the Cap^t^.

With these wee give you 4 Letters 3 in English one to M^r^: Faulkon one to y^e^ Barcalong, & one to y^e^: King, y^t^: to M^r^; Phaulkon Imediately [. . .] youre Arrivall; and take his Advice in the delivering y^e^ other two, whose Coppie you have to shew M^r^: Phaulkon the other is a Persian Letter y^t^: if you settle would have

returned us, but if not, when youre business is done, and all on board ship to come away contrive it soe y^{t}: it may be deliver'd into y^{e} Kings owne hands and lye on youre guard in a defencesable posture, to see for an Answer which if you have not in a Reasonable time as may be Expected y^{n}: come away, but whatever you doe use all fair mean's first for A settlement which if cannot be effected wee shall hereafter see to lett y^{t}: King and his ministers know y^{t}: wee will not be Abused and y^{t}: wee have power and force enough to Right our Masters but keep this private to youreselves wee Adjure you, and indeed wee are very desirous to have a settlem^{t}: friendly in some measure out of Respect to M^{r}: Phaulkon who hath been very Ingenious and Industrious, and it's ten thousand pittys he should not ꝑ^{r} serve y^{t}: honour he hath gained and should Wee be forced to use force, will be his certaine overthrow which wee hope by youre prudence, and his Ingenuity will be prevented.

Wee know it's Customary to present y^{e} King, Barcalong &c^{a}: att first coming which wee leave to youre discretions, advising in it with M^{r}: Faulkon, it's usuall with y^{t}: King to make returnes of all presents, to their full Vallue which you must give y^{e} R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Creditt for, as ever was observed.

Wee would have you keep a Diary of all Materiall Passages in y^{e} whole voyage, and whils't att Syam, in it lett all Consultations sales of goods &c^{a}: be Incerted signed and a discource of the trade too, & from Syam y^{e} time of y^{e} Junkes going thence for Japan, their Cargoes out with y^{e} time of their returne, and usuall Cargoes but one of these Diarys send us.

Wee understand from Achein y^{t}: there was there a new Interloping ship called y^{e} Barcalong bound for Syam stir what you can against them, in prudence not to hinder youre settling shee is a ship of 400 Tons, as wee are Informed wholly consigned to M^{r}: Phaulkon which makes us soe cautious concerning her; and if you cannot prevaile with him to disowne her, yett if you settle may hereafter gett him, to wholly refuse all Interlopers coming to Syam which is what wee very Effectually recommend to yo^{r}: best Endeavours as a most Acceptable peece of service.

The Cheif wee direct keep y^{e} Cash, and are possitive to have it ballanced every month, when y^{e} second and third is to see y^{t}: y^{e} Cash agrees with y^{e} Ballance, y^{e} Cheif signe, y^{e} monthly Acco^{ts}: Cash keep in a book for y^{e} purpose and y^{e} second and third Wittness it.

Wee Require you to entertaine noe Interlopers nor stragling English men in y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Factory to Avoyd unnecessary Expences, and future great troubles and Inconveniencys y^{t}: may happen on y^{e} Irregular & unwarrantable Actions of such people. The second wee would have keep the bookes [of Accompts] of the ffactory or voyage, & y^{e} third y^{e} warehouse keep [. . .] Expences. With these wee give you An Accompt ffreight of what goods on board y^{e} ship by which you will see who they belong to unto whome consigned and att what place to be landed may be carefull in y^{e} Dilivery of y^{m}: y^{t}: there be noe complaints.

In youre Invoice you will find a present for y^{e} Queen of Achein &c^{a}: which wee would have you diliver with all usuall Ceremony's & respect, togeather with y^{e} President['s] Letter to her, and recommend to the Queen &c^{a}: y^{e} two Banians y^{t}: goes on y^{e} ship who are Intrusted to Receive y^{r}: ffreight of y^{e} goods landed there, & wee have directed y^{m}: two to dispose of it, at Achein wee understand is M^{r}: Rich^{d}: Mohun a Gentlem[a]n y^{t}: wee thinke very ready to serve y^{e}: R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: in what he can he lives in y^{e} Companys house, pray make all nimble dispatch there and away for Syam.

On board y^{e} Ship is 100 Baggs of Wheat and 5 Chests of Syraz wine for Bombay which wee would have you put ashore there & y^{e} Callecutt Eight baggs Gold that was put on board from y^{e} Williamson y^{t}: you must be shure to put ashore att Callecutt with our letter for y^{e} Cheife &c^{a}: there, which wee would have you doe without making any more stay y^{n}: an Absolute necessity may require and in Case you cannot land y^{e}: wheat and wine att Bombay without making loss of time carry it with you and make the most of it att Mallacca giving us Creditt for it, wee have a Young man for Carwarr; but it's soe late in y^{e} yeare as dare not

Adventure youre calling there, & therefore send him not now; and possitively require y^{t}: from Bombay you sayle directly to Calleecutt where you must call to land the gold which wee knowe may be done without any danger to youre Passage, and little or noe loss of time.

You will reade in y^{e}: Coppie of y^{e} Presid^{ts}: Letter to M^{r}: Constant Phaulkon y^{t}: there is on board y^{e} ship on ffreight a ℔^{r}cell of goods belonging to y^{e}: Presid^{t}: &c^{a}; which is consigned him out of hopes to gaine y^{e} more on him; in case of his mortallity, or disgrace, you are desired to dispose of y^{e} goods and make Returnes on y^{e} ship the goods being on double ffreight.

With you goes M^{r}: Sam^{ll}: Potts, one y^{t}: hath served y^{e}: R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: and cannot see but that this is y^{e}: onlyst way to Recover it he having considerable Adventures on trade at Syam, and mony owing him; as he gives into us to the Amount of aboute Rupees 10000; wee would have you assist him what you can, in recovering in what may be due to him from any, and when he hath made good to you Cattees 28: 6 J^{a}: 13ma: y^{t}: he is a debtor on ballance y^{e}: last books closed by him Sep^{t}: y^{e}: 30th 1683 and more rupees 250 spared him here, y^{t}: his necessities required, advise us of it, and y^{e}: Presid^{t}: and Councill at Fort S^{t}: George, y^{t}: care may be taken for his disposure till when he hath noe trust in the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Concern's.

With these wee give you y^{e}: Coppy of 2 ℔ books of Acc^{tts}: those closed ult: Septemb^{r}: 1683 wherin you will find many debts standing out, which wee would have you use youre uttmost Indeavours to gett him in; and y^{t}: they may be kept in perpetuall Memory, lett them be all Entered in y^{e} first leafe of youre Journall and soe continued to [the end of the Jowrnall] t[i]ll they are Rec^{d}; y^{e} other ℔ of Dookes are M^{r}: Strangh's, imperfect as they are, pray draw to a ballance to them; and what debts may by them be standing out wee desire you will likewise Endeavour to Recover.

There goes on y^{e} ship a Dutch Woman y^{t}: y^{e}: Director and his lady desired might have her passage to Mallacca which wee could not handsomely deny wee desire you will appoint her a fitt Accomodation; use her Civilly whilst with you, and put her ashoar att Mallacca.

If it be youre good fortune to settle att Syam of which wee cannot see to y^{e}: contrary you must look on youreselves as subordinate to y^{e} Presid^{t} and Councell of Fort S^{t} George, and accordingly apply yourselves to y^{m}: and for y^{e}: Amount y^{e} Invoice wee give you, lett us have Creditt in your books under y^{e} head of Surratt Presidency, and Fort S^{t}: George youre Acco^{t}: Currant; wee have not more, but wish you a good voyage and Rest

Youre very Loving ffriends.

SURATT Y^{E}: 13TH: MAY 1685.

JOHN CHILD.
FRANCIS DAY.
BAR^{O}: HARRIS.

The Letters for y^{e} King and Barcalone wee give you open to make up as you may be advised att Syam According to Custome of y^{t}: Countrey.

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℔^{R}: JN^{O}: SHAXTON SEC^{RY}:

FOR CHINA BOUND THITHER ON SHIP CHINA MERCH^{T}:

TO M^{R}: JN^{O}: GLADMAN CHEIF.
M^{R}: BARKER HIBBONS SECOND.
M^{R}: BENJA^{N}: ALLEYN THIRD.

China being put under our Management by y^{e}: R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: made us Entertaine thoughts of sending a ship thither in y^{t}: manner as at worst might bear her owne Charge, to inquire after the Factors and y^{e}: Comp^{as}: Estate att Tywan, which place wee had newes was taken by y^{e}: Tartars; but on advices wee Rec^{d}: from Fort S^{t}: George of y^{e}: Tarters; Inviting us to settle again at Emoy, made us conclude it for y^{e}: R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Interest to send a small ship to China, and to y^{t}: purpose layd in y^{e} China Merch^{t}: since which y^{e}: Delight is Arrived

with from y^{t}: port from whose ffactors wee have it; y^{t}: y^{e}: Tarters when they came away Invited y^{m}: to Returne y^{t}: yeare with promise y^{t}: if they did should have liberty to settle a Factory in Emoy or any other place in that Emperours Dominions, which hath made us prosecute our first design with great hopes wee shall effect our desires, and hope for gods blessing through youre prudent management to have a footing again in China to y^{e} Honour of our Nation, and future benefitt to y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Wee doe Appoint [you] M^{r}: Jn^{o}: Gladma [n. . .] all to pay you Respect: Accordingly, M^{r}: Barker Hibbons second and M^{r}: Benj^{m}: Alleyn third, recommending to you love Amongst you[r]selves, and united hearts to carry on y^{e} R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Interest, with true zeal, prudence and frugallity, to youre owne Reputations, and Interests, wee have been more forward on y^{e} design since y^{e}: Delights Arrivall wth: us; because of y^{e}: great presents shee made as wee are Advised by y^{e}: ffactors to y^{e}: Amo^{t}: of about 2000£: after, for what was presented y^{t}: Emperour is a Recp^{t}: y^{t}: wee now give with you it's in China Charect^{r}: wee cannot have it read here, but M^{r}: Crouch gives it to be such a paper as mentioned which wee give along with you that y^{e} Chineses may understand by it y^{t}: you are upon y^{e} same Acco^{t}: as y^{e} delight was which wee may reasonably think will abate theire Expectations of large presents from you, having been soe lately and largely presented, and further y^{t}: you are come in hopes of a settlem^{t}: in y^{e}: Emperours dominions, according to their promises to [our] people on y^{e}: Delight, and wee doe effectually recommend to you y^{e} using all meanes and contrivances y^{t}: may be to settle in Emoy, which if you Reach then send away y^{e}: China Merchant, soe soon as y^{e} monzoon will ꝑmitt y^{t}: if possible shee may be here soe as to be dispatched hence for England Jan^{ry} next to which purpose fill her up with such goods as you can procure y^{t}: shee may come to us a full ship if possibly to be effected, towards y^{e} defraying y^{e} great charge shee will put y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: to, now wee would willingly have you send silkes of all sorts for y^{e} Europe marketts and you must understand y^{e} sending her a fully laden ship is meant to fill her up (on failer of stock or rich goods) with Tea, China Roots, Lacker'd ware, Sug^{r}: Suger Candy, Allome & y^{e} like y^{e} prizes of all China Comodities in Sur^{t}: you have with these deliver'd you, y^{t}: you may the bett^{r}: take youre measures in sending us those goods as may turne best to Acco^{tts}: pray what Tea you send lett it be fresh and good well packed in Tutenag canasters, and a good ꝑ^{r}cell in Tutenag potts, y^{t}: may be made to Contain 1: 2: 3: 4 to 5 Cattees ꝑ^{r}pott, and lett the potts filled with Tea, be packed up in Chests a fitt quantity in each Chest, and some straw or hay, to keep y^{e} potts [steady] in y^{e} Chests from shaking and bruising, and wee would have as much of y^{e} Tea in potts as you can to which purpose you must be spee[k] y^{e}: potts, upon youre Arrivall, and pray lett y^{e} China Root be very fresh and good; to these two Comodities of China Root and Tea you must have regard y^{t}: they be fresh and good; and y^{e}: latter very coole packed to preserve it what may be from y^{e}: Air; you see from w^{t}: wee have writt, y^{t}: wee would willingly have y^{e}: ship returne hither not only to lade hence for England but y^{t}: wee may have some Returns of y^{e} stock wee give you, because China by a late order from y^{e}: R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: is removed from our Charge and put under the Presid^{t}: and Councell of Fort S^{t}: George but in all things as it is our duties must observe to direct that which may be most for the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{us}: Interest and therefore order y^{t}: if it should soe fall out y^{t}: you should not dispatch y^{e} ship soe as that with Gods blessing by an ordinary Computation she may Arrive with us soe as to [be dispatched] hence Jann^{ry} next for England or that the Comanders meets with such a passage as he can't hope it then lett him resolve in time when passeth Mallacca or of y^{e}: head of Achein to goe away for ffort S^{t}: George consigning her and Cargo to y^{e} President & Councell there, advising y^{m}: y^{t}: wee had made such provision in youre Instructions y^{t}: if possible to be reached y^{e} ship might goe home a sum̃er ship, and youre Generall Pacquett with Invoice and bill of lading may be directed to us and our ffriends att Fort S^{t}: George, now if it should fall out which God forbidd y^{t}: you can't procure a Settlem^{t}: att Emoy y^{n}: wee are possitive y^{t}: you come away directly to us, and y^{t}: you use all

dilligence to come from China soe early as to Arrive with us, according to our desires but would not have you bring back any of those goods wee now send with you but had rather you should dispose of all at prime Cost in Invoice, Especially y^e^ : Europe goods as broad cloth &ca and buy up the goods of China as directed, soe y^t^ : if there should be nothing gained by y^e^ goods out, those Returned may Answer somewhat to y^e^ : Charge y^e^ R^t^ : Hono^ble^ : Comp^a^ : will be att on y^e^ : Expedition, our main designe [a]s you see In this Expedition is to settle at Emoy, which wee very much covet, & therefore think it not fitt for you to expend any time but goe directly thither, where when you Arrive lett the Port be Salluted with all due Ceremony, and on the boats coming off to you use those that are sent with all kindness and Civillity and on their Enquiry give them an Acco^t^ : from whence you came and what is youre business, if they Inquire what Cargo you have lett them know it, that is of goods and be sure when you come before y^e^ Mandereens y^t^ : you keep in y^e^ same story and be very carefull in youre discource with them and prudent in Answering such Inquirys as they may make, upon all occassions some ready to oblidge y^m^ : and doe not seeme passionate allthough never soe much provoked, but with moderation and prudence proceed for you have to doe with a proud, haughty, covetous sort of people, very revengefull, and therefore becomes you to be more Cautious, & circumspect, besides the Common sort are very abusive, and theewish, therefore have the greater care, i[f] att Emoy you find youre Treatm^t^ : not according to our hopes, yett at least wee hope you may vend all youre goods there, and supply youre selves with China goods as wee have directed to be bought up ; but if not, then must leave to youre discretions to goe to the Islands and see if you can gett trade there or such wayes to contrive to put off youre goods, and procure China goods y^t^ : you may make y^e^ Voyage as comfortable as you can ; att Emoy is two men y^e^ one called Seno and y^e^ other Janco y^t^ : have been used as Linguist formerly when wee had a ffactory there ; they are both fellowes not to be much trusted but you make use of them for youre conveniency Janco is Accounted y^e^ ablest fellow of y^e^ two, & for honesty both alike when y^e^ Delight came from Emoy they left there one M^r^ : Woolkome, y^e^ R^t^ : Hono^ble^ : Comp^as^ : serv^ts^ ; who had come away with the ship, but that he continued in Expectation of one M^r^ : Loyd y^t^ : was gon for Tywann to bring the Comp^as^ : concernes thence for Emoy when they arrive he Intended to dispose of all and together voyage on a Dutch Shipp for Batavia as M^r^ : Crouch &c^a^ : tell us, for wee have rec^d^ : not a line from them pray Inquire after them and if you find them att Emoy lett them live with you and for their settlement on further disposure leave that to Presid^t^ : Gyfford &c^a^ : demand an Account of y^e^ R^t^ : Hono^ble^ : Comp^as^ : concernes left with them and Receive into youre Charge what they may have left of y^e^ R^t^ : Hono^ble^ : Comp^as^ : in their hands if they should not be att Emoy, y^n^ : give an Acco^t^ : of them ; and if you can learne it, an Acco^tt^ : of what they carry'd of y^e^ shoar with them, wee have gave you the Cop[pie] a p^r^ : of China [book . . . youre] Government and heartily wish you good success ; Coppie of Cap^t^ : Utbers dispatch is delivered with these if you settle att Emoy you must look on yourselves as subordinate to y^e^ Presid^t^ : and Councell att Fort S^t^ : George and be sure to give them an Acco^t^ : of what may be necessary to be Advised wee would have you keep a Diary of what may happen in the voiage and whilst at China in it Incert y^e^ prices of goods, sold & bought and all passages with the Mandareens &c^a^ : a Coppie of it wee desire may be sent us, M^r^ : Crouch when he went for England delivered in a paper wherin he writes y^t^ : there was money due to the R^t^ : Hono^ble^ : Comp^a^ : from y^e^ : persons as ffolloweth.

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which pray Inquire after and recover if you can.

The hard winds have detained you here long^{r}: y^{n}: was Expected but is not soe late y^{t}: wee need not fear yo^{r}: losing yo^{r}: passage but are concerned y^{t}: neither y^{e}: Expected Ships directly from Europe nor y^{e} Williamson from Persia are yet Arrived y^{t}: wee might send with you some ready mony; wee therefore give you with these an order to Cap^{t}: Warner y^{t}: wee look for every tide, if you meet him, goe on board him, deliver y^{e} ord^{r}: and on receipt y^{e} money give a Receipt for it on the back side of y^{e} Order, wee would have you take five Shakee p^{s}: if any, because they are most Acceptable in China which will be 10,000 p^{s}: y^{e}: orders being for 20,000: abasses for which gives creditt if Rec^{d}: with y^{e} Amount of Invoice in youre books under the title of Sur^{t}: Presidency for youre Acco^{tt}: Curr^{t}: must be Fort S^{t}: George & soe God bless you. Wee are

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BAR^{o}: HARRIS

SWALLY MARINE Y^{E}. 2^{D} MAY 1685.

Wee have Directed y^{e} Potts of Tea should be packed in Chests, but wee think Plank is dear att Emoy if soe; y^{n}: pack up the potts in Canasters or as you see best and give the Cap^{t}: a Charge to stow them in such place as other goods ly's not on them and they be preserved from bruising what may bee.

Vera Copia Ψ^{r}.
JN^{o}: SHAXTON SEC^{RY}.

Commission and Instructions given by us y^{e} Presid^{t}: and Councill unto our Loving ffriend Cap^{t}: John Utber Comand^{r}: of Ship China Merch^{t}: to be observed by him in this his Intended Voyage for China, and back again Dated on Swally Marine y^{e} 4th: May 1685.

Our very Loving Friend Cap^{t}: John Utber.

Wee have at last Laden you, though wee Intended to have dispatched you much sooner, but deferred it in hopes our expected Europe ships would have fallen in before this, being disirous to have sent a good stock of Treasure with you; which since wee are dissapointed of, youre ships being notwithstanding now full wee would have you take the first oppertunity to weigh youre Anchors and make sayle upon Receipt of these from M^{r}: Gladman whome wee send with you, Cheife for the management of y^{e}: R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Affaires in China, with M^{r}: Barker Hibbons second; and M^{r}: Benj^{n}: Alleyn 3^{d}: and doe enorder that they be Accomodated with y^{e} great Cabbin, and Respected according to their Quallities, M^{r}: Gladman wee disire should have the Chair whilst on board therefore, & unless you are ordered by him to touch any where would have you goe from hence directly for Emoy, where God sending you safe, the Cheif, & ffactors have our Instructions what to doe, and how to Act, and whereas you are Accquainted with y^{e} Countrey, and the people when desired, doubt not but that you will be Assistant in any thing, wee have made y^{e} best provision we can for their being an early ship back y^{t}: wee may dispatch you for England in Janu^{ry}.: next but should you meet with hindrances to detard you, observe those orders, and Instructions will be given you att youre dispatch from China, in the termes of youre voiage att all times keep good watch; lett youre Gunns be cleare, youre small Armes well fixed, and youre ship in a Posture of Defence be dilligent, & Industrious to Expedite Business, and suffer noe [Bulky] goods to come on private Acco^{ts}: but what you have order for from y^{e} Cheife &c^{a}: and wee hope you will bring back soe good a Returne of y^{e} Generall stock y^{t}: it may Answer y^{e} great Charge the Right Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: are att in Employing youre ship in the countrey, wee shall add noe more referring y^{e} rest to M^{r} Gladman &c^{a}: but Recommend you to y^{e} Allmighty Protection, wish you a Prosperous Voyage and a quick Returne to

Youre very Loving Friends
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JN^{o}: SHAXTON Sec^{r}:

Commission & Instructions given by us the Presid^{t}: & Councill for the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Affaires in India Persia &c^{a}: unto our Loving Friend, Cap^{t}: Edward: Prestwitch Commander of the Ship Faulkon; to be observed by him in his Intended Voyage to Syam Dated att Suratt the 14th: May 1685.

Our Loving ffriend Cap^{t}: Edw: Prestwitch.

Wee have been unhappy from our many troubles this yeare [Amongst] the rest are disturbed, y^{t}: it's soe late before wee could dispatch you but it's not soe late as Dutch ships have gon from hence, and wee nothing question with Gods blessing but that you will behave youre selves manfully and performe all our desires; and now having youre ffactors passengers and all on board wind and weather ꝑ^{r} mitting would have you weigh youre anchor and prosecute yo^{r}: voyage, you are first to Just call att Bombay to take in there M^{r}: Robert Harbin and land the two baggs of wheat, and 5 Chests of wine which if cannot be effected without great loss of time, are not to stay to ꝑ^{r}forme it, but observe the ffactors orders on board you thence you must sayle away directly for Callecutt where you must land the 8 baggs of Gold and deliver y^{m}: unto M^{r}: Michell &c^{a}: ffactors which wee know you may doe without loss of time and wee would not have you stay there longer, then Just to performe it, from thence you are to sayle away for Achein, where you[r] stay will not be long having directed M^{r}: Harbin &c^{a}: thence away for Syam: and it may be touch at Mallacca which wee have left to the ffactors, in the whole terme of youre voyage keep youre ship in a Continuall posture of Defence, and for youre sayling from Syam Leave you to follow such orders as you may Receive from M^{r}: Robert Harbin &c^{a}: ffactors unto whome wee have gave such directions as hope you may be here early enough to goe hence for England Jan^{ry}: next, and soe heartily wishing you a good voyage and safe and seasonable Returne to us, Committ you to the Allmighty Protection and Rest

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Propositions.

Made by Cap^{t}: Rich^{d}: Keigwin y^{e}: Present Governour of Bombay and all the Commission officers with all other officers, and Souldi^{rs}; on y^{e}: s^{d}: Island made into S^{r}: Thomas Grantham Kn^{t}: being fully Impower'd by y^{e}: Presid^{t}: and Councill att Sur^{t}: to make an Amicable Agreement with y^{e}: s^{d}: Governour &c^{a}: for y^{e}: surrend^{r}: of the s^{d}: Island Bombay viz^{t}:

In primis: That y^{e} Govern^{r}: and persons afores^{d}: & every of them their heires Executo^{rs}: Administrato^{rs}: be for ever Indemnified for all and all man^{r}: of mutinees and all Acts whatsoever relating to the late Revoluĉon made on y^{e} Island on y^{e}: 27th: Xbĕr 1683 or att any time since until y^{e}: surrend^{r}: of s^{d}: Island unto S^{r}; Thomas Grantham and y^{t}: Action so done on y^{e}: 27th: day of Xbĕr as afores^{d}: though it shall bee deemed Treason or otherwise yet notwithstanding y^{t} it be wholly pardoned to y^{m}: y^{e}: S^{d}: Governour & their Heir's Executo^{rs}: Administrators, and y^{t}: y^{e}: s^{d}: Action be forgiven and buried in oblivion and never to be prosecuted by y^{e}: Hono^{ble}: English East India Comp^{a}: their successors or servants whatsoever.

2^{d}: That y^{e}: s^{d}: Govern^{r}: &c^{a}: as Afores^{d}: may peacibly possess & enjoy all their Estates whether personall or Reall and y^{t}: y^{e}: pay they have Respectively Rec^{d}: since y^{e} 27th day Xbĕr afores^{d}: be confirmed on y^{m}: and accounted as part of their Estates.

3rd: That neither M^{r}: Charles Ward, nor any of his y^{n}: Councill or any other person in y^{e} Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: service y^{t}: may pretend falce Imprisonm^{t}: or any other force whatsoever, shall sue, molest, Trouble, or have any benefitt of the lawes

of England or y^{t}: place against Cap^{t}: Rich^{d}: Keigwin, or any officer, or officers, souldier or souldiers, or any of their Heirs, Executors Administrators [w^{t}:] soever, but that they be wholly saved harmeless as if the action had been never done.

4th: That when y^{e}: s^{d}: Fort & Islands, Treasurie, plate, books of Acco^{ts}: Ammunition, Artillery, provisions, be delivered up to S^{r}: Thomas Grantham, & he in quiet possession, and all differences happyly Composed, it be agreed unto, y^{t}: any officer or souldier may stay in India, if he please, or goe for Europe if he please, if upon any of y^{e}: ships Imployed by y^{e} Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}:, y^{n}: not to pay any thing for their passage, victualls, or other Conveniencies.

5th: That every Officer & Souldier y^{t}: remaines, receive their full pay, y^{t}: is every private sentinell one and twenty shillings every 28 days, or 9 pence each day which in Xeŕe, of Goa as the oattan now is, Amounts to 14 each 28 dayes.

6th: That whereas the s^{d}: Govern^{r}: & Officers were wholly unacquainted with y^{e} nature of keeping Acco^{ts}: themselves, and soe make use of such ℔sons as were well accquainted with business of y^{t}: nature which ℔sons swearing to y^{e} s^{d} Acco^{ts}: they may be Rec^{d}: without any further scruple, and y^{e} s^{d}: Govern^{r}: and Officers be for ever acquitted and discharged paying the ballance of y^{e} s^{d}: [Amounts] & giving up all [respect] for w^{t}: money, has bee [n . . .] of Treasure [. . .] charges [. . . . .]

7th: That M^{r}: Jn^{o}: Petitt his Heirs Executo^{rs}: and Assignees have liberty to finish y^{e} building of his ship now on the stocks on Bombay and then to launch her, and to vioge with her where he or any of them please, providing he pay all the s^{d}: ships Debts or to the Gov^{r}: Rich^{d}: Keig[w]in or any other officer or Inhabitant being first P^{d}:

8th: That noe demands be made or suits of law Comenced y^{e}: afores^{d}: Govern^{r}: Cap^{t}: Rich^{d}: Keigwin or any other officer, or Officers, Souldier or souldiers either for seizing y^{e} Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: ship Returne, or takeing any moneys or goods or any thing be out of y^{e} s^{d}: ship y^{e} moneys being to be deliver'd to S^{r}: Thomas Grantham with y^{e} Rest of the Treasure.

9th: That noe demands be made, or suits of Law Comenced Against y^{e} aforsaid Govern^{r}: or any officer, officers, souldier, or souldiers by one Stephen Adderton by reason of breaking up his house, & plundring it, but y^{t}: it be for ever pardon'd to y^{m}: or any of y^{m}: their Heirs Executors, y^{e}: produce of y^{e} outcry being sold and brought into Treasurie as appears by y^{e} books.

10th: That there be no Impedim^{t}: for our Letters coming from Engl^{d}: nor going but that wee have liberty to Converse with o^{r}: Relations.

11th: That noe Officer nor Souldier shall be keept in y^{e} countrey beyond his contract but when his time is Expired he may Returne to his native Countrey if he please.

12th: Lastly y^{t}: these Articles after they are signed to and possession of y^{e} premises given to S^{r}: Thomas Grantham y^{t}: these Articles be Registred in y^{e} court of Judicature, y^{t}: it may remain on Record for y^{e} benefitt of any person y^{t}: may be hereafter mollested and y^{t}: upon pleading these Articles it may be a barr against any suit whatsoever and y^{t}: there be noe further proceedings, on y^{t}: Action in any court of Judicature in England or on y^{e}: Islan [d]dated in Bombay ffort y^{e} 20th: day of November 1684.

13th: That all such debts as shall be found Justly due, owing on y^{e} Garrisons or any other publick Acco^{tt}: shall be Justly satisfied more perticularly to Cows Moody & girder Roop[g]ee giving them Creditt for the same, and y^{t}: the Govern^{r}: afores^{d}: &c^{a}: be for ever Indemnified.

Gentlem[en] The Above mention'd propositions I accept of and declare upon my faith; My Hon^{r}: & all y^{t}: is sacred and good unto mee to see y^{m}: ℔rformed According to y^{e} true meaning and Intent of them, to all the Officers & Inhabitants of Bombay, wittness my hand and seale the 20th day of Novemb^{r}: 1684 in Bombay ffort.

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℔^{r} Jn^{o} Shaxton Sec^{r}

COODALOOR Y^E 6^TH JULY 1685.

TO THE HON^BLE : W^M : GYFFORD ESQ^R :
PRESID^T : & GOVERN^R : &C^A : COUNCILL IN FORT S^T : GEORGE.

Hono^ble : S^r &^ca :

Wee have Rec^d youres of the 18^th : June wherin you are pleas'd to accquaint us that by ꝑticular advice you understood y^t : Merch^ts : att Porto Novo are desirous to freight [one] of our Europe ships for Acheen, and y^t : youre Intentions were to dispatch Ship Kempthorn towards us to proceed on y^t voyage and to y^e west Coast of Sumatra, wee have therefore propos'd it to Our Merch^ts : and allsoe wrote to M^r: Cawley to propose it to y^e Merch^ts : of Porto Novo to ffreight on her, but wee find our Merch^ts : not to be obliged thereto having formerly laden on y^e Amoy Merch^t :, for which they have yett Rec^d : noe Returnes which hath soe farr discouraged them as not to Adventure further till they have.

M^r: Cawley Advises from Porto Novo y^t hee is in Expectac̃on of some quantity of goods y^t : was bail'd there, but that the Merchants have not yett subscribed to what number, but this day expects they will, which you shall be Advised of as soon as wee heare from him.

Wee have for Encourgement of y^e Merch^ts : to lade bale goods ordered M^r : Cawley to ꝑmitt y^m : to lade a proportionable quantity of Rice thereto reserving roome for y^e laden [. . .] to be provided for y^e Hono^ble : Comp^as : Acco^t : for provision [of] which have remitted Pago^s : 500 to M^r : Cawley who advises part thereof to be remitted to Corracoll and his Intentions of sending the rest as soon as he shall have an Acco^t : thereof w^ch : wee hope may be invested in good time, and y^e Rice come out as Reasonable as last yeare.

The Merch^ts : Required of us before they would enter into obligac̃on to ffreight on the ship that wee doe oblige ourselves that shee shall sayle for y^e coast of Acheen in one months time after y^e signing their obligations, and in default thereof that wee make good to them the price of Atcheene for their goods which wee have ordered M^r : Cawley in behalfe of y^e Hono^ble : Comp^a : to doe provided the Merchants on their parts oblige themselves to make good the Amount of y^e ffreights of their goods shall not be laden by the aforesaid time.

Wee desire you will please to supply us with medecines of which wee have none for the use of y^e ffactory upon whatever occasion should happen.

Wee desire you if y^e ship be not allready dispatched [y^t :] you will please to doe it [as] soon as possible the Arrival of whome tis very probable [may] oblige more merchants to lade which is what offers att present from

Hono^ble : S^r &c^a :
Youre most humble and
obedient servants
JN^O : DAVIS.
RALPH INGRAM.

HUGLY 12^TH MAY 1685.

TO THE HONO^BLE : W^M : GYFFORD ESQ^R : GOV^R :
OF FORT S^T : GEORGE & CITTY OF MADRAS
PRESID^T : &C^A : COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRES OF THE
HONO^BLE : ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^A : ON COAST
OF CORMANDELL BAY OF BENGALL &C^A :

Hono^ble : S^r : &c^a :

Our last to youre Hono^r : &c^a : was 25^th : Feb^ry : 1684 by Pattamer overland, Advising y^e Arrivall of ship Loyall Eagle w^th : coppie of y^e Hono^ble : Comp^as : Generall to y^e Bay and what letters came to y^e ffort by s^d : ship, and second bill of lading for ship Defence, since which on 5^th Instant have rec^d : youre Hono^rs : &c^a : of 5^th : March last in Answer to ours of 1^st : & 6 Jan^ry : to which shall now Reply.

Wee are much Troubled y^{t} : y^{e} : protest against Agent Hedges &c^{a} : for carrying away Robert Hedges (greatly a Debtor to y^{e} Hono^{ble} : Comp^{a} :) came to late, which was by y^{e} unfaithfullness of the Frenchman who gave us great Assurances y^{t} : he would not pass by without delivering y^{e} pacquett to the Hono^{ble} : Presid^{t} : with his own hand who wee feare was Induc'd thereunto by some y^{t} : gott y^{e} knowledge of what was in the Pacquett after it was out of our hands.

To withdraw o^{r} Factories of Pattana and Dacca whatever good effect it might have wee find Imposible to be done without y^{e} Respective Nabobs of each place their Dustick which wee are now concerned and certain that as they will not doe it till all our debts are payd soe without it our people cannot come away and to pay our debts wee have been noe way capable to this Day tis true wee have come by y^{e} Eagle [20] Chests of silver, but y^{e} southerly monzoon held [our Vesselle in] Ballasore so [long] before they could have slatch to gett out, y^{t} : tis but lately y^{t} : our Treasure came up, and such are y^{e} : Horrible abuses of the Mint, y^{e} troubles at Cassimbuzar (and Ballasore [at] which [none], after reply to youre letter) y^{t} : wee have not sent up [our] treasure to y^{e} Mint; and sell it wee can't for ready mony at any reasonable rate yett notwithstanding wee have not faild to Insist upon demanding of [our rights ?], but all to noe purpose, for they Increase their wrongs and Injuries.

Wee have great demands upon us for money at Interest at Casimbuzar but have not had money to satisfie y^{m} : but wee hope M^{r} : Charnocke &c^{a} will pay of the most urgent, with y^{e} : money that could be spared them of y^{e} Remains of y^{e} : Mint.

Att Cassimbuzar, after all Endeavours used att Dacca, and with the Goven^{r} : att Muxadavad, to have y^{t} : business Arbitrated by Merchants, wee cannot yett bring it to any Issue they Insisting upon our paying y^{e} Picars y^{e} 43000 Rup^{s} : as wee have in our former Advised though wee have been put upon it; to make Tryall of coming away yet wee find it cannot be done without y^{e} Countreys leave, and though wee have twenty souldiers there they signifie nothing, for wee must neither shoot nor cutt except wee would endanger all the Hono^{ble} : Comp^{as} : Estate, and ourselves both aloft and there to be cutt of.

The Present wee gave y^{e} Nabob, it being handsome and of good vallue, was kindly Accepted, after wa[rd] made which cost some time, yett y^{e} Picars, makeing [an] offer to him of soe great a part of what he would now soe unjustly force from us, wee can expect noe Justice from him unless wee offer him a greater sume.

Wee are glad to heare the Syam Merch^{t} : did not miss of y^{e} Persia voiage. It being soe late before wee could gett in y^{e} sugars for y^{e} Bengall Merch^{ts} : togeather with y^{e} necessity wee were put to of sending part of her Lading downe by Purgoes, which had a long passage down, it was to [. . .] for her to call att Metchlepatam, and save her voiage as formerly Advised, shee being dispatched not till 1st : of February.

The Countrey vessell upon which M^{r} : Griffith came, made soe bad weather in the [Ro]ad, y^{t} ; he went on board y^{e} Eagle, and not having an oppertunity for getting a Pillott off. The Master ventur'd up, and came safe hither, M^{r} ; Griffith is since gon to Ballasore, whence wee Expected him by y^{e} first oppertunity when he comes will be very wellcome to us att a time when wee want not only Councell but strength, the Agent having been under great Indisposition these eight or ten dayes M^{r} : Ley continues a living man to Admiration being soe worne away and soe weake with his fflux & feavour (still continuing) that he can't help himselfe y^{t} ; of his Recovery wee have little hopes.

As wee have Indeavoured to keep y^{e} Merch^{ts} : up to their Musters, being sensible y^{e} Hono^{ble} : Comp^{a} : have been wronged therin, soe wee shall Endeavour to put off what Europe goods wee have being principally lead, of which wee have great quantity and it is of little or noe demand in the Countrey and therefore of low price the truth is wee have noe People here for trade they knowing little or nothing but the takeing of the Hono^{ble} : Comp^{as} : money and therewith picking up Cloth amonge the Weavers.

Wee are exceeding glad to heare y^e^: Beaufort and Rochester [were] only dispatched in time, but with soe Considerable Cargoes and pray [. . .] you, they may safely arrive with our Hono^ble^: Masters and are noe less glad you have found an Im[pedy]ment for the Resolution [and] Defence to soe hopefull a purpose, for y^e^: time to come, and hope allsoe for y^e^ present, soe as y^t^: it may Answer their stay by finding a Considerable part of their lading att Priaman, where wee shall be glad to heare; y^t^: youre Intended settlement may succeed and y^t^: our people have soe much health as may Incourage to a fixing there, The long stay of y^e^ John and Mary makes y^e^ Issue doubtfull pray God shee [come] safe att last, wee hope y^e^ Amoy Merch^t^; from Syllabarr will returne in due time, the Persia Merch^t^: one of the two early ships you mention is arrived safe in y^e^[Ro]ad on y^e^ second Instant having made her voiage in 5 month & 16 dayes, and hope y^e^ other did Arrive with you as soon the Coppie of y^e^ Generalls wee Rec^d^: from y^e^ Hono^ble^: Comp^a^: List of Goods and List of Shipping wee send you though doubt not but you have Rec^d^: Coppies thereof by said other early ship.

Wee are sorry to heare soe many Interlopers have escaped, one of which Viz^t^: the Barkeloan, having been att Acheen, and soe to Syam wee doubt not but tis M^r^: Whites designe, and feare the Hono^ble^: Const^t^: Fa[l]kon may be too much concerned, to doe the Hono^ble^: Comp^a^ any service therein.

The Vaquee[l] did not depart hence till 24^th^ March last besides some business of his own (as wee belive) which made him willing to linger away y^e^ time, y^t^: unhappy Accident att Ballasore of y^e^ seamen's taking downe the Kings standard &c^a^: (which how light soever any may make of it, yett wee had Reason to feare might have brough[t] all into Extreem danger) layd us under a necessity of using all meanes to make ffriends with y^e^ Phousdar of that place who is allsoe Phousdar of Hugly, and resides here to whom the Cognizance of y^t^: Action did Immediately belong, Mamood hu[ni]ffwa y^e^ only man y^t^: could doe it, and y^e^ matter was (or was made by him) of soe great difficulty y^t^: wee were att last forced to send him a way before twas made up.

Wee Rec^d^: a Letter from y^e^ Hono^ble^: President of Suratt in Answer to the Letter of y^e^ Hono^ble^; Presid^t^: and Councill here of 27^th^: Sep^tbr^: last being duplicate of y^t^: whereof you sent us Coppy and had Return'd him Answer before wee read your's Coppy whereof wee herewith send you.

When wee Receive y^e^: Muster of Cotten yarne by M^r^: Griffith from the Hono^ble^: Comp^a^: wee shall Indeavour to Imitate and procure what quantity possible.

That there should be soe great an Error in y^e^ Invoice of Gold is matter of wonder to us, tis true there was cutt of of every Ingott for Essay's part of which is deducted from y^e^: foot of the weight in the Invoice Viz^t^: what was melted downe for Essaies, Amo^ts^: to 2^Dwt^: 2^oz^: 13^qt^: 0^qr^: the Remainder was in a bagg, which the Agent forgetting to put up in the Chest with the gold put it up in A Chest belonging to the Presid^t^: [. . .] stables not[hing] thereof att the Dutch garden, of which he took a memorandum however making noe doubt but what you write is y^e^: truth wee must give Acco^tt^: Curr^t^: London Creditt for y^e^ same and Debt [Rajamahel] which will add to y^e^ Hono^ble^; Comp^as^: Losse by M^r^: Robert Hedges who putt y^e^ Ingotts up, neither were they weighed by any body else, nor were in any ones hand but y^e^ Agents who opened y^e^ chest to find out Ingotts y^t^ might amou^t^: to y^e^ weight of what money y^e^ Presid^t^: could spare us and wee then needed for which he was pleas'd to lett us have silver.

The Error in y^e^ Invoice by y^e^ Eagle wee find and shall give Acco^t^: Curr^t^: London true Creditt.

Wee are satisfied y^t^: you had occasion enough, for y^e^ silver by the Syam Merch^t^: and have noe Reason to grudge it, youre Hon^r^: &c^a^: being Capable of Improving it much better y^n^ wee could in [our] Circumstances.

It was an Ignorance y^t^: Coppies of what Letters went hence Immediately for England were Required by youre Hono^r^: &c^a^: otherwise should certainly have sent them but now wee know it is our duty wee shall noe more omitt it, and

herewith wee send Copies of what wrote by y^e^ Henry and William, and allsoe by y^e^ Ann, and if wee send any to the Hono^ble^ : Comp^a^ : by way of y^e^ Fort wee shall send y^m^ : open, as wee proposed to doe, if god grant us life and health, y^e^ beginning of y^e^ next month, to goe by y^e^ Bengalla Merchant or some other ship; wee hope you may send in August.

That there was great want of goods according to y^e^ : Invoice and Bill of laden by y^e^ Defence, wee know, but could not Advise thereof wee making Invoice and Bill of lading here for what sent hence which wee were necessitated to Load upon Purgœs [the Sloop] being Imployed in carrying bale goods for y^e^ Ann &c^a^ : as formerly Advised soe y^t^ Cap^t^ : Heath might Justly make Exception to the Bill of Lading, and for y^e^ loss wee must give an Acco^t^ : Curr^t^ : London Cr^te^ : by Proffitt and loss, it being Cast away to prevent such losses for y^e^ future wee Agreeing with youre Hono^r^ : &c^a^ : shall (besides what formerly wrote) give [our] further opinions to the Hono^ble^ : Comp^a^ : &c^a^ : about the smaller ships coming up into y^e^ Rivers and y^e^ bigger to Kedgeree &c^a^ : but wee are at a loss for Pillotts it being soe difficulty to gett sober men and y^e^ Hono^ble^ : Comp^a^ : sending none out, and those that stay behind their ships, w^ch^ : wee are forced to make use of, are usually the worst of men.

And now having given Replies to youre Hon^rs^ : &c^a^ : in Answer to ours of 1^st^ : & 6^th^ : January, wee shall proceed to give a brief Acc^t^ : of y^e^ : state of Affaires here att present.

Att Cassimbuzar (as wee have Allready hinted) it is noe better then 'twas when y^e^ hon^ble^ : President [went] hence, about which time they are blocked up, tho' sometimes their Restraint is less being not put so hard to it for provisions &c^a^ : as att other times and wee having Inde[ed] noe Cash to give out on Impress (as was usuall, in March and April wee were tempted to make a virtue of our necessity, and gave out y^t^ : it might be [. . .]more money till y^t^ : Controversie was desided y^e^ noise of wha[t] made y^e^ poor people to clamour, and complaine, y^t^ if y^e^ English gave out no money they could not pay there rents nor Pellmony upon which y^e^ Congo [Corr] gather[er] of y^e^ people or [...] was soe farr sensible y^t^ : he became a mediator with the Phousdar of Muxadavad and wee had thereupon great hopes to have had the business Issued a month agoe, but y^t^ : wretched and covetous Phousdar, having great promises made him by y^e^ Picars besides what they have promised the Nabob, is att last come to noe other Resolution y^n^ : y^t^ : wee must pay According to y^e^ Cozzee's Arbitrament, and y^e^ last letter from Cassumbazar dated 3^d^ Instant tells us he threatned to send horse and foot to y^e^ Factory next day to force from them 45,000 R^s^ : so that wee Expected y^t^ : would be y^e^ Issue, though two or 3 dayes since, M^r^ : Charnock, in a ℔^r^ticular to y^e^ Agent, hinted y^t^ : they had better hopes of having things fairly Accommodated but wee have been to often deceived to place any dependance upon such uncertainties, thoûh hope for the best.

From Dacca wee are advised y^t^ : Haggerston by his Impudent lyes and Insinuating carriage to some great men there, to whom he has been very acceptable, has obtained a Perwanna from the Nabob (translate whereof wee herewith send you) and with it an Assoal (or Messengers from y^e^ Nabob) to see it Executed upon Rec^pt^ : of y^e^ Coppie of y^e^ said Perwanna, wee have a just and true Acco^t^ : of the Case to [Abduli Gunny] (Governo^r^ : here) on whom the Perwanna is, and when Haggerston comes wee shall either demand him to be deliverd to us, as a subject of y^e^ King of England, and therefore not to be Admitted to a tryall of their Durbarrs against us who are allsoe subjects to y^e^ same King y^t^ : may send him to Suratt to Answer for his Crimes, or otherwise shall use noe uttmost endeavours to detect his villanies and Forgeries, by proving it was not possible for him to have such an Estate, and therefore wee could not Rob him, as hee Alledges, and shall Act According to y^e^ best of our Judgements as Occasion Requires, to secure y^e^ : Hono^ble^ : [Comp^a^] from Damage.

Wee had noe sooner made up y^e^ Difference with y^e^ Phousdar about y^e^ riott att Ballasore (which was done with great Expence and trouble) and had made what

provision wee could against the like disorder for y^e^ future, by draught of Letters to be delivered to Commanders of ships (Coppie whereof goes herew^th^:) but there came Advice to us from Ballasore y^t^: on y^e^ 10 Aprill att night there was a murther Comitted upon a Peon belonging to y^e^ Catwalls watch and some others wounded the body of w^ch^: murther'd person being carried to the Phousdar and Inquiry made; they fix it on the English which wee feare has so much Truth though wee doe [. . .] wee can with the Govenours to keep them off with too narrow a search, For should it be proved upon us wee are not able to compute what their demands may be which has caused their being blocked up, and all business whatsoever stoped ever since y^t^: time, Cap^t^: Bonnell was here, and some of his men were ashore there, but wee have Advice they were all in his house and asleep when this was done, there are other English, as severall Runawayes, and others ashore, who are guilty of great disorders, wee are strugling hard with it but cannot guess what will be y^e^ Issue, this is y^e^ worst of our troubles, this (if proved soe) giving y^m^: Just occasion to say and doe y^t^: against us, which they have used to doe, when noe occasion, soe y^t^: wee lye att the mercy of every Rogue and villain to ruin the Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: Affaires such are our circumstances in this place.

Hono^ble^: S^r^: &^ca^: You see what is y^e^ worke wee have to doe Instead of compliance with y^e^ Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: orders, & their great Expectations from us, wee can doe nothing but conflict with and Indeavour to cleare ourselves from severall great troubles (bringing with y^m^: many smaller ones, which wee will not trouble you with), from which you may collect what wee are like to doe towards the loading of this yeares shipping, as wee yett have noe money to give out, soe if wee had, wee could not doe it, wee have here w^th^: us y^e^ Loyall Eagle and Persia Merchant, The Loyall Eagle, considering how you have disposed of y^e^ Resolution and Defence, if y^e^: clouds blow over in any time, wee hope to dispatch seasonably the Persia Merch^t^: youre Hono^r^: &c^a^: may see is ordered to be loaden w^th^: Petre and remaines of goods and to be sent up to the Fort, call[ing] att y^e^ Northern Factories should wee comply therewith wee feare wee should not load y^e^ Eagle, our remains being what wee [. . .] depend on for her loading, and wee are of opinion, if the Persia Merchant stay wee may (tho' it may be late first) load her [away] allsoe from this place directly, and should be loath to run th[e] Adventure with y^e^ Eagle, who would be in soe bad a Condition [by] loss of men and lying soe long in y^e^ Roade, If wee would dispatch y^e^ Persia Merch^ts^: to y^e^ coast (as ordered) wee can neither send [downe] goods to her, nor shee gett out (soe as to reach y^e^ coast) before the moonsoon be broken up y^e^: southerly winds blowe soe hard in the Roade y^t^: wee can give noe guess when wee shall have up the [Treasure] by y^e^ Persia Merch^t^: being forty Chests be pleased to lett us [have] youre opinion and orders Touching said ship speedily.

And here wee cannot but note to youre Hono^r^: &^ca^: y^t^: tis Im[possible] y^t^ Treasure in y^e^ same yeare (tho' some come never soe soon) [should] serve our turn for our Investment, wee must have money to give [. . .] in March and Aprill, or elce wee shall lose the March Bund of silke as wee must have done this yeare, if wee had had no troubles as wee did the November bund last yeare; The Treasure y^t^: Arrives in May cannot be gott up, sent to Rajamaul, and begunn to be coined before the latter end of June or beginning of July, from which time wee can have about a Lack and a halfe or two Lack of Rupees p^r^ mensem, coined for all y^e^ Factories; nor can wee sell Treasure to the Merchants for ready money wee might [give] out upon [Dadnee,] but [. . .] mint would be soe clog'd [. . .] Merchants silver, y^t^: y^e^: Comp^a^: must stay to take their [turn in] Coining of theirs soe y^t^: there is noe advantage in selling as [. . .] Expedition of business, and a loss in y^e^ price, of y^e^ Mint [yeild] more then can sett for Considerably wee must give out our money beforehand, or wee can have noe goods, and the earlier [wee get] it out y^e^ cheaper wee may have all sorts of goods not onely [in] their Factory but all others.

15TH: MAY 1685.

Yesterday Arrived Capt: Norgrave from Suratt bringing us a short Genll: Letter dated 22d: March last; wee Expected Mahazars and Letters from ye Governors: &ca: there relating to H[a]ggerston upon which wee had great Dependance but they only tell us yt: he is soe great a Rogue that noe body will beleeve him By ye same ship came a Surat Pacquett for Fort St: George wch: are sent herewith. Wee are

Honoble: Sr: &ca:
Your most humble servants
JOHN BEARD.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RICHD: TRENCHFEILD.
EDWARD OXBOROUGH.

P. S. Wee have omitted to Accquaint your Honr: &ca: that by ye Loyall Eagle wee Recd: one chest of Gold qt 7 baggs of Foreign Coines Amount to £13693-s6-d9 of which wee have promised about £2000 vallue to Dacca, For ye rest wee desire ye vallue thereof may be sent us In silver (besides what ye Honoble: Compa: have order'd us from your Honr: &ca: by ye first ship yt: comes,) and wee shall send youre Honr: &ca: by ye Returne of the same ship, or by the first ship yt: goes hence, for if wee should not have ye silver from you till ye Gold Arrives wee can't Expect it this yeare, Wee humbly Crave your Honr: &ca: Answer to all as soon as possible

J. B.
FF. E.
R. T.
E. O.

TO THE HONOBLE: JOHN CHILD GOVERNR:
OF BOMBAY & PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF
THE HONOBLE: ENGLISH EAST INDIA
COMPA: ATT SURATT &CA:

HUGLY 24TH: APRILL 1685.

Honoble: Sr: &ca:

Youre Honors: of ye 31st X̃ber last wee have Received, and Returne our most hearty thanks yt: when you had soe great affaires on youre hand and under many ill Circumstances with Accumelated Troubles, your Honr: was pleased soe throughly to debate in youre mind the last Remedy for Conservation of our Previledges restore[ing] our Trade, and Redress of ye many Injuries & oppressions [. . .] wee lye under and signifing ye [. . .] to us, and the Honoble: President att the Fort and tis soe much ye more greatfull in yt: for most part, youre debates Agrees with ours (& in there wee agree with you) wherin youre Honr: Argues to great purpose by which there arose soe great a Difficulty, yt: what was Referred to us (tho with great caution) wee could not but referr back to ye Honoble: Compa: for their more positive orders, after their further Debate of ye matter, throughly weighing ye Difficulty as they did Appeare to us, which wee layd before their Honr and signified ye same to youre Honr: by ours of the 5th: X̃ber last p̃r Capt: Pine, which wee hope you Recd:, A Coppie whereof wee send herewith.

Wee have sent one Mahmoodhu[n]iffe, a Mussulaman (who has been long the Honoble: Compas: Vaqueel, and understands all their business) to ye King & visier to Represent o[ur] Grievances wth: needful Instructions about taking of our paying custome &ca: which wee have done three yeares to the great ret[ard of] the

Hono^{ble} : Comp^{a} : affaires as well as other troubles giveing him order, y^{t} : as soone as he shall arrive att Court he gives youre Hono^{r} : to understand where he resides and withall to signify wherin you may afford him youre Assistance by much nearer the court then ourselves, humbly Intreating y^{r} : Hono^{r} : y^{t} : you will please in what y^{e} : sayd Vaqueel shall [Apply] to you to afford him youre direction, and uttmost assistance presuming you have had transmitted to you, from y^{e} Fort by y^{e} president, an Acco^{t} : what he is to sue for, and his Instructions thereabouts, this is a matter of very great Moment the paying of custome being y^{e} Hinge upon w^{ch} : the Troubles turne, which wee are Conflicting with every day.

Wee shall not trouble youre Hono^{r} : further to divert your thoughts from prosecuting youre more Immediate affaires in which wee most heartily wish you good success and Remain

Hono^{ble} : S^{r} :
Youre most humble Serv^{ts} :
John Beard.
Francis Ellis.
Rich : Trenchfeild.
Edward Oxborough.

To
Cap^{t} :
Commander of

Whereas the Hono^{ble} : the Govern^{r} : & Comp^{a} : of Merchants of London trading into y^{e} East Indies have in [these parts;] suffered great damages, & their Affaires been brought into Trouble & Inconveniency's by y^{e} disorders and outrages frequently committed by men belonging to their shiping, ℔r^{t}icularly y^{e} outrage committed att Ballasore by y^{e} seamen belonging (as wee are Informed) to y^{e} Defence & Loyall Resolution in taking downe y^{e} Kings standard from out y^{e} Buzar, and setting y^{e} [? same] up att y^{e} English Factory in y^{e} month of [xber] 1684 and whereas you are bound by Charter Party to [obser]ve such Commands and Directions as you shall receive from sayd Comp^{a} : or their Factors & Assignes, wee the Agent & Councill for affaires of y^{e} said Comp^{a} : in y^{e} Bay of Bengalla &c^{a} : doe hereby command and direct you and doe earnestly Intreat you as you have regard and welfare to y^{e} good estate of y^{e} affaires of youre Employers, that during youre stay in the Bay of Bengall you take [Effectuall] care y^{t} : none of y^{e} men belonging to youre ship offer an abuse or affront to the Government, or natives here, nor committ any such disorders, Riotts or outrages either aboard youre ship or upon y^{e} water, or Land, as may break any trouble or damage to the Affaires of y^{e} s^{d} : Comp^{a} :

And Further wee doe hereby give you notice y^{t} : if any such disorders or outrages shall be Committed by any belonging to your ship, wee shall in behalfe of the sayd Co[m]p^{a} : protest against you and youre ship y^{t} : you may become liable to make good to y^{e} said Comp^{a} : the Damage they may sustaine thereby.

Translate of the Nabobs Perwanna on Abdull Gunny.

A perwanna to Abdull Gunny y^{e} 9th : of Jumandell Owal in yeare of 28 att this time Tho^{s} : Haggerston Englishman hath made Accquainted y^{t} : 178000 Rup^{s} : in ready money & goods was forc't from him by y^{e} Agent serv^{t} : of y^{e} old Company wherefore is [writen] y^{t} : which is Just in this matter after Examinacon of y^{e} truth you'd take from y^{e} Oppressour & give y^{e} goods to y^{e} Right owner w^{ch} : when y^{e} Complainour has Rec^{d} : he has agreed to give y^{e} Nabob 44000 Rup^{s} : & [Q]uoajah Rubbee 2000 Rup^{s}, (which) take of him enter it [. . .].

List of Hugly Pacquett to Fort S^{t} : George May 1685

N^{o} 1. Hugly Generall to Fort S^{t} George Dated 12th : & 15th : May. N^{o} : 2 Coppy Hugly Gene^{ll} : to y^{e} : Hono^{ble} : Comp^{a} : dat : 18th : Decb^{r} : 84 : ℔r Hen^{y} : & [William].

3. Coppy Hugly Gene^{ll}: to y^{e}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: dat: 28 Jan^{ry}: $\overline{\text{Ppr}}$ Ann.
4. Coppy Hugly Gene^{ll}: to Presid^{t}: of Suratt dat: 24 Aprill: 85: via Patt [. . .]
5. Coppy the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Gen^{ll}: to y^{e}: Bay: dat: 2^{d} July 1684.
6. Coppy Ditto ... ... 3^{d} Octo^{br}: [. . .]
7. Coppy Ditto ... ... 24th Octo^{br}: [. . .]
8. Coppy List of goods to be Provided att Coast & Bay.
9. Coppy List of shipps Designed for India
10. Draught Agent & Councill from Bay Bengall their Letters to Commanders of the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Ships.
11. Translate [of] Nabobs Perwanna on Abdul [G]unny concerning Haggerston.
12. Surat Pacquett to Fort S^{t}: George.

To the R^{t}: Worsh^{ll}: W^{m}: Gyfford Esq^{r}:
President & Goveno^{r}: &c^{a}: Councill at Fort S^{t}: George.

Our last was under y^{e} 6th passed by two Expresses sent on purpose, whose Coppy is Inclosed wee have this oppertunity by Cap^{t}: Norgrave, bound to youre parts with a ship; y^{e} ship Nathaniell [sayled] away for England y^{e} 16 passed fully laden, The Cæsar is a loaden and may sayle in 10 or 12 dayes y^{e} Delight from China arrived yesterday if shee be in a Condition to take in goods hope to send her away with y^{e} Cæsar for England, shee hath lost in her voyage 15 men but y^{m}: wee hope to supply, they have been att Emoy where they were used Civilly, but not permitted to settle but at their coming away were promised if returned againe should be permitted to settle they have brought part of their Europe goods back, some wrote and Raw silks, [scre . . .] and scritores, sugar, and sugar Candy, Allum, Tea, Manco cups, and A small $\overline{\text{Ppr}}$: cell of Gold, but alltogeather comes to but £8000 and odd pounds sterl^{g}: according to Invoice when her Cargoe from [. . . Eng] land was £10,000 and odd pounds, by what wee as yett see a bad voiage for y^{e}: R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: wee have noe newes y^{t}: is ffresh or any wayes comfortable concerning y^{e} Smirnaott y^{t} wee fear shee is What shipps wee have and may Dispatch this moo[n]zoon wee have in our last and this gave you an Accou^{t}: off, wee have besides remaining in the Countrey 6 ships viz^{t}: y^{e} Williamson, y^{t}: went hence y^{e} [24] passed fully Laden with ffreight goods for Persia & may saile tomorrow their [. . .] ships wee Expect [. . .] to winter on this Coast, [. . .] hope if y^{e} weather permitts to lade one of y^{m} Early away for England in 7^{ber}: the Samson is taking in Freight goods for Gombroone and may saile in 10 dayes more; the Society wee have great hopes of getting Freight goods for Bussora to fill her, the Falcon is designed for Syam with Factors for y^{t}: place, and some stock, but most Freight goods. The China Merchant for Emoy, with a stock and Factors to see [if wee] may settle there, wee have orders from y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: to y^{e} 2^{d}: of July wherin they signify their pleasures to us, y^{t}: they have thought fitt to putt their China Trade, and all y^{e} south seas under youre Presidency, which you will understand by their Pacquett [now sent] you, wee shall therefore hereafter give you a $\overline{\text{Ppr}}$ticular acc^{t}: of w^{t}: wee may doe to China and Syam, wee bless God the wellfair, & Kent was arrived with our Masters, as they are pleased to advise us, and by Gazetts and new [es] papers, find y^{e} Josiah & Herbert safely Arrived the Downes y^{e}: 16 Augst: last wee have now July Gazetts, but in one of y^{e} August Gazetts find y^{e} George was safly arrived by an Ellaphant shee brought home y^{t}: was Exposed to sayl, soe y^{t}: wee hope the Success, Scipio, & Charles, are likewise safely arrived in England for they 3 and y^{e} George went in Comp^{a}: togeather from S^{t}: Hellena y^{e} 6 of May last, and y^{e} Josiah and Herbert in company togeather the 25 ditto from y^{t}; Island, what Gazetts and newes papers wee Rec^{d}: from y^{e} Consull of Alleppo wee now send, y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: writt us y^{t} they Intended to us y^{e} new London, & prudent Mary wee therefore dayly Expect y^{m} what newes they may bring worthy youre Knowledge shall Immediately remitt you, wee hope the

President is safely returned to Fort S^{t}: George, and heartily wish health and good success may allwayes Attend you wee heare of an Interloper Cap^{t}: Goodlad of y^{e} Lancaster formerly Com̃and^{r}; shee hath been on y^{e} Mallabarr Coast, and att Seynda shee is Reported to be about 300 Tonns by what wee hear Intends hither, wee call not else to mind but Rest

R^{t} Worsp^{ll}: s^{r}: & s^{rs}:
Your very humble servants

SURAT Y^{E} 23^{D}: MARCH 16$\frac{8}{9}\frac{4}{5}$.

JOHN CHILD.
C. WARD.
FRAN: DAY.
BAR^{O}: HARRIS.

TRANSLATE OF A LR̃E FROM BRAMENYS SANGANA AND NARRANAPA FROM CONJEVERON, TO Y^{E} HONO^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R} PRESID^{T}: DATED THE 15 JULY 1685.

Wee Injoy good health and shall be glad to hear y^{e} like from your Hon^{r}: Lately att S^{t}: Thomay came ashore 7 Tymbers w^{ch}: Nagoge Pontulo putt into y^{e} Divans Goedowne, I heare from him y^{t}: your Hono^{r}: sent some of youre Councillours, souldiers and [Horsmen &] Peons to S^{t} [Thomay doubt'd] his servant, broke y^{e} key of y^{e} [. . .] and [. . .] goods runn ashore in y^{e} Divans dominions belong to [them] therefore our people keept them there and for what reason should youre honour fetch them away by force if y^{e} Divan should here these things, they would take in very unkindly, when these timbers first came ashore there, wee wrote to Lingapa, and he ordered them to be keept there, but since youre Hono^{rs}: people hath carried them away by force, broke y^{e} Goedown Key, and Rob'd y^{e} goedowne, for all these things I beleive your Hon^{r}: must Answer, youre Hono^{r}: knowes Lingapas disposition, soe soon as you see y^{e} Letter youre Hono^{r}: may please to send y^{e}: timbers and goods you ordered to [be taken] away to S^{t}: Thomay before Lingapa hath Intelligence of it and then you may live without trouble, but if you should neglect sending [them] you must pay for every tymber Pag^{s}: 150, which will amount to 1050 Pag^{s} if Lingapa should heare of these things he will [not] suffer them, since youre Hono^{r}: has Acted very Ill in this if you don't returne y^{e}: Tymbers great Trouble will come upon you, youre [Hono^{r}] being [an] understanding p^{r} son I thought fitt to advise you of these things which you may please to bring into serious Consider$\tilde{a}$con and Act Accordingly.

TO THE HONO^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL.

VIZAGAPATAM: JULY 3^{D}: 1685.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

The occasion of this Express is purposely to Accquaint you y^{t} his Excellency y^{e} Seer Lascar ha[th] very often and urgently prest us to supply him with a quantity of lead & Gunpowder and he being soe very earnest with us in this particular (as you may please to see by his last letter In [closed] have given him an Assurance of a supply Agreeable to his [desire] y^{t}: wee may give him more Reasonable disgust to occasion him to disturbe our Affaires, which are carryed on in all Respects according to our owne desires, without the least mollestation, thereof humbly solicite y^{t} you will please to furnish us with each by an early conve[n]iance either by ship or boat which will in a very high measure Ingage his Friendship and confirm y^{e} good Correspondence between us, and is y^{e} needfull att Ψ^{r} sent from

Hono$^{bl\,e}$: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your very humble servants
ROB: BROWNE.
GEORGE RAMSDEN.
CHARLES FLEETWOOD.

TRANSLATE OF A LRE FROM YE : SARLASCAR OF THE CARL[INGA] COUNT[R]Y TO MR RICHD : BROWNE CHEIF OF VIZAGAPATAM DATED THE 5TH : JULY 1685.

I Recd : youre Lre : and have observed ye contents thereof when you wrote me, that you had noe Gunpowder and but 8 Candey of Lead and yt : you keept for ye : Divans sake, which you may send directly to me, wee Esteem your Company, and ourselves to be all one, and look upon you as my Brother, therefore when our occasions require what you may be serviceable in you must Assist us to ye uttmost of youre power, soe soon as you receive this Lre, I would have you send me 2000 Rups : worth of Gunpowder, & 25 Candy of Lead ; which you need not doubt but I shall Immediately send you money for, & besides you will oblige me very much in doing of it, I have now given order for youre building, which you may proceed in and if you have a mind to keep Friendship with me upon the Rect : of this, forward ye lead and Powder, and would have you procure me : 50 Candys more of Lead, and send ye powder Aforementioned with what speed you can

SLOOP JAMES. JULY 26TH : DAY 1685.

This is to Accquaint your Honr : and the worshipll : Councill yt : yesterday wee fell downe to ye : Barrs mouth and thought to have gon over this morning but when wee sounded ye Barr wee found soe little water that wee dare not ventur over without doing ye ship some harm wherfore thought it Convenient to Accquaint youre Honor : wth : it and likewise I have sent the 2 pilotts which doe belonge to ye : Barr which may be more satisfaction to youre Honor : if youre Honor : be pleased to Inquire of them they can satisfie youre Honor : how much water there is upon ye : Barr, this being from youre.

Honors : most humble & Obedient
servt to Comand
WM : DIXON.

HUGLY 15TH : JUNE 1685.

TO THE HONOBLE : WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR :
GOVENR : OF FORT ST : GEORGE & CITTY OF
MADRAS PRESIDT : &CA : COUNCILL FFOR AFFAIRES OF
THE RT : HONOBLE : ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPA : ON
THE COAST OF CORMANDELL BAY OF BENGALL &CA :

Honoble : Sr : &ca :

Our last to your Honr : &ca : was ye 12th : & 15th past overland Coppy whereof goes herewith, since which (vizt : on the 13th : Inst : wee have received two from your Honor : &ca : dat : 20th & 28th : Aprill last by ye : hands of Mr : Edw : Littleton, To which wee shall now very briefly reply, they being answers to our former, and what is needfull therin shall give due observance.

Wee us'd our Endeavours to perswaide Capt : Bonnell to come up ye River but having no power to order him after a Councill he held with his officers, they were all against it, she being a ship of two great a Draught and it being to great a hazard for him to Run.

Wee are glad to hear the Amoy Merchant is Arrived full Laden from the West Coast of Sumatra, but can't but be sensible that the happy success Accompanyed with ye loss of 3 of those in Commission and yt : tis doubtfull whether Mr : du Jardin be dead or alive, and are glad you have found others yt : notwithstanding such discouragment have put on Resolution with chearfullness to undertake it, & heartily wish wee may hear of their wellfair, and yt : ye : Resolution & Defence may have like success in their Loading there, which will ye better Enable you to send them Immediately away upon their Arrivall.

Wee are sorry to hear you Designe ye Syam Mercht : hither, the [rea]son you will [see?] in the Acct : wee give of our Affaires after wee have Reply[ed] to your Letter.

Two ships to fetch Petre or what else you think fitt, to lye y^e^ Moonsoon here, wee shall take care to dispatch you with all possible Expedition, shall follow y^e^ Further orders wee shall receive from your Hon^r^ &c^a^: there.

Att Cassimbuzar they are in y^e^ same Circumstances as when wee wrote you last wee having refused to pay the 43,000 Rup^s^: which is now come up to 45,000 R^s^: upon which allsoe the 150000 R^s^: depends and shall continue our Resolution not to yeild in y^t^: case, tho' it has brought many ill Consequencys upon y^e^ Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: Affaires, yett wee think them not so bad, as to ye[i]ld to such a President, and are glad wee have youre positive order not to yeild to it.

As to y^e^: withdrawing of our Factories when our Debts are paid, whether they will give us leave or noe'tis doubtfull to us they seeming to be Apprehensive, y^t^: if wee goe away wee will right our selves of our Injur[ey] one way or other of which more after our Reply.

The Troubles at Ballasore were not soe easily Accomodated but y^t^: 'tis brought in upon all occasions to Justifie their Insolencies against us, as allsoe y^e^ latter (menc̃oned in our last) which was of a higher nature.

To your Hon^r^: &c^a^: of 28^th^: Aprill. Wee are glad the sloope Thomas is come safe soe farr, tho: not Arrived with you and that you Received ours, sent by her.

Touching y^e^ Loss of Petre and Turmerick, wee have made Acco^t^: Curr^tt^: London D^r^: for y^e^ whole, & C^r^: by Profitt and Loss, for what Lost.

Mahmoodhu[n]iffe o^r^ (Vaqueel to Court) by reason of bad weather had a tedious passage as he gives us Account, and departed nott from Pattana, till 17^th^: past when he began his Journey for the Kings Camp.

Wee are convinced more and more y^t^: wee have Reason to complain to y^e^ King against these Governours but the Complaints wee make will signify nothing wee fear unless wee had some great men att Court that are Enemies to these persons, and whom wee could make our Friends.

Wee Desire Broadcloth may be sent us accordingly as is Expressed in A paper Inclosed. Scarlett ps. 20 Fine Green 15 Ordry: Red 30 Ordry: Green 20

Wee give our Advices to Cassimbuzar in Conformity to your Hon^rs^: &c^a^: Order, y^t^: care may be taken for giving out money to Responsible persons, Except where it may fetch in good part of their old Debts.

After a Tedious and Troublesome passage M^r^: Griffith Arrived here The second Instant being forced att last to come [in] land from Ballasore who is very wellcome to us, he Arriving y^e^ very day preceeding our great distress of which now wee shall give you on Account.

The matter of y^e^ Pretended murther att Ballasore (menc̃oned in our last) tho' lay hard upon us, how to prevent their Wacka's & Mahuzars from going to Dacca, yett att last was Accomodated att Ballasore, upon y^e^ best termes wee could, though w^th^: great charges to y^e^ Hono^ble^: Company.

Att the same time there was Trouble coming upon us here, w^ch^: wee then hoped to worke off, the Governo^r^: Requiring our Merc^ts^: to sign a writing, Translate whereof wee send herewith, wee strugled with it some time, att last the Govern^r^: sent out his Peons fetched in our Merchants, and by beating them with Bamboes forced thirteen of them to signe s^d^: writing: whilst wee were contending with them, and Indeavouring to gett this matter off.

Three ships Arrived here from Suratt, and from some persons y^t^: came upon them, the Govern^r^: had Intimation that the ships belonged to moodies Banians &c^a^: and had only an English Master, and some few men who Acts by Commission for them, only the Master, having some small Interest in y^e^ ship, wee having att first owned the s^d^: ships, as the Comp^as^: (as wee Esteeme all that Trade by their permission, wee thought not fitt to Enquire too str[i]ctly into the truth, having reason to fear the worst, our Contending w^th^ them herin caused them to put a stop upon our landing goods Provisions, or any thing whatsoever, Att which time wee had to contend with them allsoe in y^e^ case of Haggerston, who Arriv'd 17 of May last, with a dozen Peons & Horsmen & an Asoal (or messenger) to see his Perwanna Executed, upon his Arrivall, he Apply's himselfe to y^e^ Governo^rs^:, and y^e^ Assoal

demands Justice when y^e^ Parwanna was read in y^e^ open court, they sent one to us for vaqueel: to Answer for us, and they made known to him w^t^: had passed, and required y^t^: wee should Appoint a sherah vaqueel, and wee to give a writing to stand to what he should doe wee sent y^m^ word y^t^: y^e^ English Company had been here 55 yeares and never had any case brought into the Adollat, especially between English and English, and y^t^ in y^e^: first Perwanna wee had for trading here provision was made y^t^: all causes between one Englishman and Another should be determined by the Chief that wee were unacquainted with y^e^ lawes, and could not Instruct A Vacqueel &c^a^: and told y^m^: wee had given in a just & true Acco^t^: of what Agent Hedges had seized on, and sent to Suratt, That Agent Hedges was gon home for England who by the Perwanna was to be Examined ther in that matter. That the Hono^ble^: Comp^a^: was no wayes concerned, nor y^e^ present Agent further then to be a wittness to y^e^ truth of y^e^ Account wee had given in, wherin he with others of y^e^ Comp^ns^: Serv^ts^: were ready to give them any satisfaction in a private way, and moreover y^t^: wee were ready by severall persons y^t^: were now Arrived from Surat to give them clear proof 1^st^: of Haggerstons Poverty, 2^d^: of his Roguery in Running away with the Merchants Estates, and that he had Forged an Accompt, and raised many lies upon the English to keep himselfe from Justice, but all signified nothing, they [sayes] these persons are [alsoe] parties, and their Evidence not to be Allowed with much more too tedious to give Acco^t^: of; But by such matter as wee had, wee held [y^m^:] in hand, hoping by some means or other, to prevail with them [to] have the matter Issued otherwise then in their Adollat, [where] wee were sure to be cast, att last it grew soe high, that y^e^ Govern^r^: threatned to shutt us up, not allowing us provisions, wood, nor water, and would write to y^e^ Nabob, and when should receive his order; would force y^e^ Factory, but tho' wee Absolutely refused to give our hands for a Vaqueel (as opening a door for Ruin to y^e^ Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: Affaire for whoever wrongs The Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: to prevent his being Punished may but pretend a Debt due to him, and promise money to the Govern^rs^: as Haggerston have don (& soe by degrees eat up the Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: Esta[te]) yett they delayed to execute their Threa[t]ning till they had another pretence which they took from what happened y^e^ 2^d^: Inst^t^ at Midnight there being a Lewd person, one Bushell, Command^r^: of a Surat ship and a master of a small Ketch, M^r^: Griffith came in from the coast, who having been att a Punch house, and going halfe drunk aboard quarrell'd with the Governo^rs^: Peons, placed upon A watch boat, broke their heads and carried away their Boat with their clothes and Armes which they complained of to the Govero^r^: shewing their wounds, next morning Early the Factory was besett with Horse and foot (till which wee had noe notice of the matter, permitting none to goe out or In) nor any provision to be brought to us they allsoe sett Peons upon the private houses and upon the water side to prevent any persons coming asho^r^: or going aboard, or any provisions to be sent them, Thus they Continued three dayes & three nights, wherin wee had noe Provisions, wood, fire, or water, permitted to come to us, our Vaqueel Banyans & servants restrained from coming to us, whereby wee had noe meanes of Address to the Governo^rs^: to know what was the matter, The second Evening of our Restraint, wee sent over the wall in the night one of our servants to carry some Letters to the King's Buxee, and the Jimdar to which wee had Answer y^e^ 4^th^ of our Restraint, from the Jimdar, y^t^: wee had wounded two men, & two men are missing which wee had murth^d^, and Reconed up all our faults formerly done, p^r^ticularly y^t^: att Ballasore, Notwithstanding which if wee would signe to six Articles (coppy of which is herewith sent) they would give us our liberty and att the same time took of the Restraint soe farr, as to Allowe us provisions (both for the Factory & y^e^ ships) Enough Every day as would serve the day.

Wee have not (nor shall^l^ yeild to signing such Articles of Trade here, but have writt to M^r^: Pownsett to try what can be done with the Nabob, meantime putting them of here as well as wee can with the Agents Illness, that he can't consider of matters of soe great weight &c^a^:

These six Articles are Haggerstons Advices who sitts in Councill with them in all matters Relating to the English And by Mr: Davis, who is Extreem busy att this time, the seamen aboard the ships have been Influenced to fall upon the Governors: people on the water side, and they had certainly done it, had it not been prevented in the nick of time, there being 20 (the whole number of English aboard the ships) resolved to come ashore which had they done, wee in the Factory must Immediately have left the Factory, and fought our way to the ships to Escape with our lives, which would have given them occasion to proclaym open Warr, and to seize upon all the Factories by way of Reprizeall, and all the persons had been In their hands, for wee are beyond all doubt yt: noe person can come out of the Country without ye leave and help of the Countrey, where they double the number they are.

Apprehending there would some Trouble break out wee had two or three dayes before this sent George Herron downe to Ballasore to Pilott up the Persia Merchant which they having notice of sent 500 men down to Tanna to stop her, wch: wee were not much concerned att, knowing they could not give her noe stop, nor need shee make Resistance to what shee could meet with, But it soe fell out (which noe man can Remember att this time of the yeare) that for tenn dayes Togeather, ye wind was att North, & N Et:, soe yt: shee came not up till 14 Instant finding us under Restraint they att Tanna, not firing a Gun, nor shooting an Arrowe, only making a great noise, and bid them stop in the Kings name, which the ship took noe notice of but gave them a Huzzah and came on.

The Govern[r]: have sent a Mahuzar or Certificate against us to Dacca Chopt with all the Principall officers & Mogull Merchts: of this place, That wee have wounded two Peons, and Framing a Lye, yt: two men are missing and yt: wee refuse to appoint Sharrah Vaqueel In their Adollot. Wee have allsoe writt to Dacca our Arsduust or Petition of Complaint to the Nabob, & Instructions to Mr: PownA[ett] &ca: as large as wee could, to take up differences there being of Opinion wee had better give money there for our Relief, then here, wee are now waiting for an Answer but are not without or feares least ye Nabob should give Ear to their complaints against us he beleving whatever Abdulgunny says, and yt: he will stick to this desire of theirs looking for great benefitt thereby.

One Sied Amud (a great Mogull and held in great Esteem of the people, and of ye Governors: themselves, being of the line of Mahomett, and seeming to favour our cause & allmost the only person yt: can come to the Govern[r]:, he not Admitting our Vaqueels nor any of our selves) whome the Govern[r]: have sent to us with some other Merchants & officers, to know our positive Answer, doe undertake yt: ye: Govern[r]: would Relax the severity of the six Articles if wee would comply in declaring A certain person for our Vaqueel in the Adollat, and in signing A writing: 1st: yt: wee would punish our seamen for misdemenours 2d: that wee would Entertain but 5 or 6 Gomastahs 3d: [that] wee will be Answerable for what Damage our ships doe to Country ships att sea, 4 yt: wee will bring up noe more Guns (but for ye use of the ships) then what wee will sell when demanded.

The main of which is our giving a Bond for not seizing their ships but to be lyable to make satisfaction here by which wee Apprehend they think that if wee withdraw, wee will make our selves satisfaction, and that they will therefore never lett us goe without yt: point; there being a Report amonge them not only when Agent Hedges was here, but since, that 'twas the Intention of the English to write themselves for all the wrongs Injuries they have sustained, so that wee are cast upon such A Dilemma, yt: wee know not what Course to take.

For on one side (if wee give them not satisfaction in what they demand) there Appears a probabillity of ye suddain Ruin of the Honoble: Compas: affaires here, which wee know not how farr may Influence their Affaires att home,

1st. Wee are Assured yt: if wee possitively refuse to Comply they will strictly confine us to our Factory, without affording us any provisions, and wee should not be able to hold out, above A fortnight, having noe liberty now to bring in any more then from day to Day, yt: wee can lay in noe great store, and if wee

could hold out soe long, there are three Suratt ships, two other Vessells and the Persia Merchant In the Hole who are in y^e^ same case and will be as strictly kept from provisions as wee, and they will break out in violence for supplying themselves with provisions as the men of the Surat ships wrote us word they must unless they had speedy Redress, being allsoe Incited thereunto by Davis (as before) And Dayly provoked by the Affronts offer'd to Englishmen by peons &c^a^: on purpose as wee Apprehend, to force some of our men to comitt some Act of Hostility whereby they will gain a great Advantage which if they should doe as wee Expect they will (and wee Can not prevent it) wee shall be sett upon on a sudden, and all cutt off Except with the loss of some wee can Escape by force with our lives onely to the ships leaving all the Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: Treasure, goods, Books &c^a^: behind us and if wee doe gett Aboard the ships wee shall have noe provisions but what we fight for) being a small number in Comparison with their Forces. And it being A southerly Monzoon we cannot gett away soe y^t^: wee can Expect nothing but to perish for want of Relife, There manner being here to drive away all Provisions with their women and Children.

2^d^. Our thus Escaping in a Hostile way cannot be done w^th^: out fighting and killing some of the countrey people w^ch^: will make an Irreparable breach, and be proclaimed an Open Warr, whereupon the Factories aloft will be all seiz'd with y^e^ Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: servants who are more then wee are here, And there will lye att their mercy in dead & quick stock 20 Lack of Rup^s^: in all places.

3. Wee shall have noe way to send notice of their Eruption to Suratt soe y^t^: within a moneth, by the quick carriage of Letters to the King (who is near that place) they will be all surprized there.

On the other side To signe any Conditions of Trade in this place, is y^t^: which was never done nor could wee have thought would have been putt upon us, nor have wee any power to doe soe; other then as an honest man to save his life, gives his purse to a Robber, and if it be once done 'twill give the Governo^rs^: an Advantage for Imploying more and more upon us in the like nature for the Future.

Now the Question before is, whether wee should Hazard y^e^ Ruin of the Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: Affaires by a positive Refusall to signe anything, or should signe such a writing as before menconed in hopes of Retriving it by some meanes hereafter. But there are soe many Ill Consequences which arise to our thoughts, whether Inclining to a Refusall or Complyance y^t^: wee cannot with satisfaction to our own minds come to any determination theirin for the present further then to putt off giving a positive Answer as long as wee can to gain time, Expecting y^t^: upon the Arrivall of the Nabobs orders wee shall be putt to a necessity either of Refusing or Complying, In the mean time it is a matter of a most Depressing and Confounding consideracon to us y^t^: wee are brought into such a streight that wee know not what to doe.

Now having Represent[ed] our case to you which is darke Enough, and wee want a great deale of Councill & advice about it and no hopes of orders or Relife from your Hono^r^: &c^a^:, before the matter will be Determined one way or other (wee have only to look up to God in whom wee desire his direction on y^e^: use of all Consideration & Indeavours to trust, and desire your Hon^r^ &c^a^: seriously to weigh our Case and give such perticular Orders to us or Generall orders under such and such supposition y^t^ wee may know how to govern our selves under such Extreem Exigencys.

If you have A Convenient sloop, y^t^: you can spare to bring us Advice please to send your Letters by it, the Rainy season being come In, wee cannot Expect an Answer in a Long time by Pataman, And if you send upon youre sloop provisions, it may be of great use (not knowing what our Extremities may be) and if wee have noe need 'twill be no great Loss.

Supposing now the best of our Case y^t^: y^e^ Nabob does heare us, & setts us free from those demands wee have Expressed our feares about, Wee having allready given you a large Acco^t^: in our last what prospect wee had for the next monsoon wee have only this to add, y^t^: wee cañot yett send any Treasure to the mint

where 'twill be a great while A Coining, as formerly said, mean time they have no money att Dacca nor Maulda for making an Investment, not soe much as for Charges and if they had it att Cassimbuzar, could not give it out till their Troubles were over nor can wee Expect any money here from the mint till August soe that att best wee are like to doe but little [here] Tho' if wee proceed in peace wee shall use our uttmost Endeavours to gett in the Remains, and as much goods as wee can possibly, in the mean time wee shall have to doe it in, for Loading the Eagle and Persia Merchant.

Wee have taken this Oppertunity to write to your Hon^{r} : &c^{a} : fearing least wee should be strictly Blocked up again, and having probably but a day or two, free for a Peon to pass; wee cannot now write to the Hono^{ble} : Comp^{a} : the Agent being so Ill that he is hardly able to Dictate this to your Hono^{r} : wee humbly Intreat that you will please to make up that Defect of ours, by sending home Coppies of our Letters to youre honour &c^{a} : with the short letter to the Hono^{ble} : Comp^{a} : which wee send herewith.

And wee further Request y^{t} : you will please to write to the President of Surat y^{t} : no ships be permitted to come hither from thence, or Bombay but what belong wholly to the Hono^{ble} : Comp^{as} : servants it being of a most pernicious Consequence y^{t} : any natives be concerned in shipping which is Countenanced by, or comes under the name of the English, which Indeed has been a great occasion of our present Troubles.

The ships that your Hon^{r} : &c^{a} : send hither to Lye the Monsoon, may meet with great Difficulty in getting Provisions if wee should be brought into that Extremity wee fear, it may be therefore necessary for them to come well supplyed for feare of the worst, wee are

Hon^{ble} : S^{r} : &c^{a} :
Your most humble servants
JOHN BEARD.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
SAM^{L} : GRIFFITH.
RICH : TRENCHFEILD.
THO : LEY.
EDW : OXBOROUGH.

P.S. 16 JUNE 1685.

Wee forgott to Acquaint your Hon^{r} : &c^{a} : y^{t} when the Govern^{r} : sent Sied Amud &c^{a} : to us to urge our signing to the Articles Wee produced the Phirmands Neshawns & perwanna's wee have, and pleaded the priveledges granted thereby, telling them it would be an high Affront to the Emperour, Princes and Nabobs, should wee renounce y^{e} ; favours wee have Rec^{d} : from them and take new Articles of our being here from a subordinate Govern^{r} : but all to noe Purpose.

And wee had noe sooner finished this but a message came to us that unless wee would signe y^{e} Articles the Govern^{r} : would shutt us up close to morrow which wee Expect, wee sent word to one, that wee suppose will Acquaint him, that wee would give him the Kings Duhoy, upon whose grant wee are here, and if any mischeif follow, it must Lye att his Door.

J. B.
F. E.
S. G.
R. T.
T. L.
E. O.

Wee Muttradas &c^{a} the [English] Comp^{as} : Factors Inhabitants of Hugly and belonging to the English Factory in Compliance with Meir Syd Amud Duan his perwanna which is Arrived in the name of Abdull Gunny beague muttsuddy that the Hugly Mer^{ts} : doe bring their goods amongst the Dutch, and English goods by which Reason the produce of Custome comes much (less and so to take care y^{t} : the

merchants by deceit and Confederacy may not be able to bring y^r^ : goods with the Dutch and English goods) wee doe agree and consent, y^t^ : what goods and things of the English Comp^as^ : are in our care, or Comitted to us, shall not be disposed of, or sent any where without first Acquainting you with, and Receiving orders, therefore and if att any time it be proved to y^e^ Contrary against us, wee shall be willing to suffer any Penalty that is Inflicted upon us, wherefore have written these few lines as an obligacõn y^t^ : att any time on occasion, it Remaineth to be shewed again[s]t us.

1^st^ : That wee keep all ships below att Sancrail or great Tanna and bring up all goods by boats from thence.

2. To keep A sherraff Vaqueel to Answer all Complaints that shall come against us, & to stand to whatever shall be Acted by s^d^ Vaqueel.

3. To Employ noe people as Gomastahs but Merch^ts^ : who shall bring in all goods and pay the Custome, and the Goods to be Chaupt.

4. If any English ships doe any Damage to any Countrey ships at sea that we shall be Answerable for them & give an obligacõn to y^t^ : Effect.

5. Not to owne any ship to be the Comp^as^ : which is not soe and if any ship be own'd as the Comp^as^ : and be proved not to belong to the Comp^a^ : said ship shall be forfeited to the King.

6. From whatevr place wee bring goods from the upper Factorys wee shall bring y^e^ Dustick of the Govern^r^ : of the Countrey for said goods.

To the Hono^ble^ : W^m^ : Gyfford Esq^r^ : Pettipolee 18^th^ : July 1685.
President & Govern^r^ : of Fort S^t^ : George &c^a^ : Councill.

Hono^ble^ : S^r^ : &c^a^ :

Att my Arrivall here M^r^ Northey delivered y^e^ Charge of y^e^ R^t^ : Hono^ble^ : Comp^as^ : Concernes to me, with the Cash book, and stewards Accompts Returning to his station att Madapollum leaving the ffactory Indebted to the Brameny Pago^s^ : 232, which paid out of the Pag^os^ : 500, brought downe w^th^ : me, soe that shall want a further supply to Defray the Factory Expences.

Since my being here have proceeded in Complyance w^th^ : your orders to summon the merchants to Attend, y^t^ : might discour[ce] them of the Reasonableness of their submitting to the Abatement of what was Allowed them to Adjudge upon their Cloth and after 15 dayes waiting came Musla Pillar Chittee, Sedjah Gruah & Allapua Vincataputtee, with whome Indeavoured all I possible could with the most pressing Arguments to perswaid them to the Aforesaid [Abatement] but all to noe purpose, they continuing to their Result given M^r^ : Northey, soe y^t^ : am quite discouraged of ever hoping to worke any thing with them to satisfaction, the Dubash & Bramina have bin very Earnist with them taking a great deal of pains to oblige them to a Complyance, and if I may modestly say, are *really* Concerned att the Merchants obstinacy.

Herewith comes the Ballance of the Generall books with Acco^tt^ : Curr^t^ : Fort S^t^ : George and measures of Cloth taken this yeare Amounting to peices 17202 soe that you may perceive The Major part of y^e^ cloth sorted this was measured and Chopt ℔^r^ M^r^ : Wales &c^a^ : the year past.

I have Credit^d^ : Fort S^t^ : George Pag^s^ : 70 for the land Carriage of silver which came overland to this Factory with M^r^ Thomas Lucas.

Observing your Repeated Orders for Enjoyning frugallity have discharged severall peons and house servants resolving to lessen the Charge dayly if not more Business then att present.

Just upon dispatch of this came to hand yours of the 9^th^ Instant signifieng you[r] pleasure that the Bramina & Duebash should Repair to the Fort, did in Obedience to youre Orders send for and communicated the same to them y^t^ : they might prepare for their going their Journey, which they promised to doe in 4 or

5 dayes desiring leave to remove their families to Metchlepatam and daring to trust them under Hydra Cawnes Government which with obedient Respects is what offers from ‖

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most obed^{t}: humble servant
Will^{m}: Shales.

To the Hono^{ble}: W^{m}: Gyfford Esq^{r}: Madapollam July y^{e} 16th: 1685.
President for Affaires of y^{e}: R^{t}: Hono^{ble}:
English East India Comp^{a}: &c^{a}: Councill.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}:

Yours of y^{e} 11th: June I Rec^{d}: ψ^{r} M^{r}: Shales and according to your order; I deliver'd my Acco^{ts}: &c^{a}: things in my Charge to him, I had before his Arrivall given your Hono^{r}: &c^{a}: A full acco^{t}: both of the merchants and Brameny, & [D]ubass, behaviour in all the matters proposed to them, with their Answer, as allsoe a letter from them in Jenteu which I hope you have Rec^{d}: having ended my business according to yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: order, I proceeded from Madapolam to take care of the business, in y^{t}: Factory, & I found by M^{r}: Flownes y^{t}: there had been brough[t] in 920 peices of Brown Cloth, which was measured, and put to washing, since they have brought In 200 peec^{s}: more, and wee dayly press them, for the Compleating of their Investment of Pago^{s}: 14000, I likewise Acquainted them that their Debt would be very suddainly Paid which being the needfull att present wee Crave leave to Remaine

Hoñoble S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most humble servants

Benj^{n}: Northey.
Charles fflownes.

P.S. By this Peon wee allsoe send you the Generall Books belonging to this Factory.

Benj^{n}: Northey.
Cha: Flownes.

Hono^{ble}: &c^{a}: Honrd: Gombroone y^{e}: 17th June 1685.
Friends.

S^{rs}:

The ψ^{r} mo: May it pleased God to Arrive in safty y^{e} Bengall Merchant Cap^{t}: John Goldsborough from the Bay of Bengall laden with 5753 bales of sugar, y^{e} Trouble wee mett with y^{e} Dutch, in denying us the liberty & use of these Countrey boats, to unlade her you may partly understand from the Inclosed to the Agent &c^{a}: which wee send open for your Hon^{rs}: &c^{a}: perusall but more att large, from Cap^{t}: Goldsborough, who has perfect knowledg of the whole business, from the beginning to the End, whose Assistance wee cannot but commen'd having unladen almost halfe the ship with his own boats, till such time as wee were out of necessity (tho' with some Considerable Charge to the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}:) forced to buy up Countrey Boats for that service.

The King of Syams Embassad^{rs}: Hodgee Sellim and their Kings Mahmud Hossenbeeg have been here some months waiting a Conveyance to Siam by whom wee have been soe much Importuning as well as by the Kaune and Shawbund^{r}: here for a ship to convey their persons & retinue to Siam, y^{t}: without doing the Company's affairs as well here as in those parts, Considerable and Apparent Detryment wee could not Avoyd Complying with their desires in this case, but since y^{e} place lyes soe much out of the way for the coast, and Surat ships wee could not Consent to send them directly thither, but contrived it by reason of lateness in y^{e} yeare, they are content to be conveyed to the [F]ort, there to Expect another conveyance

to Tenassery or Siam, soe y^{t}: accordingly wee have given them passage upon this ship Bengall Merchant with all y^{t} Attendance and Lumbers which has well fill'd up the Ship.

Not having any such order or power to bare us out to Entertain these persons upon the Companies ship gratis, though wee submissively suppose it would have been noe loss to the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: to have gratified in y^{t}: Respect two such Considerable Princes as the King of Syam, and y^{e} King of Persia are to the[ir] Affaires wee have Agreed with them for ffreight as ℔ the Inclosed Acco^{t}: which wee hope may meet with yo^{r} Hon^{ble}: &c^{a}: Approbations.

Wee cannot omitt Recomending to your Hon^{rs}: &c^{a}: care y^{e} Aforesaid persons, y^{e} time of their stay with you they depend much upon your Hono^{r}: &c^{a}: for a Conveiance to the King of Syams countrey either Tenassery or Syam itself and hope it may without any Inconveniencys to our Masters Affaires be effected to both their contents and satisfaction.

The time of our being in Spahawne Hodgee [Sellim] the King of Syams Embassad^{r}: while M^{r}: Samuell Darnelly was yett alive and our Chief by his dayly and Incessant Importunity prevailed with us to Lend him to y^{e} Amount 725½ m^{ds}: to serve his occasions, promising and giving us under his hand to pay us in Cheq^{t}: here at 8 Aba each, notwithstanding which when he Arrived the place and upon demand of y^{e} money, he was not able to procure any thing they being [sc]arce, upon which he made his proffer of payment In mamod^{t}: which wee refused, not knowing well w^{t}: to doe with them, att last having driven us off a Considerable time, he made his Application to us begging us to take his bill in Syam, upon which, taking into Consideration y^{e} money wee were to send to Bengall on Acco^{t}: of y^{e} Henry and William, last yeares sugar found it more Advantageous farr to the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: to have his bills to be payd in Syam att 30 Rup^{s}: the tom^{d}: as he did not deny us, then to have sent you mamo^{dt}: w^{ch}: wee must have done, this old money wee now send you not being then come downe, nor had wee any knowledge of it's coming so that what is done therin wee hope may meet with your Hon^{rs}: &c^{a}: liking.

The Amount of y^{e} sayd Hodgee Sellims Acc^{t}: of Freight being 183 tom^{ds}: wee have taken his bills to be payd in Syam att 30 Rup^{s}: y^{e} tom^{dt}:, and have sent him more in Ready money 17 tom^{ds}: to make it up 200 as he Intreated us both which bills wee find your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: to take care by the surest and quickest means possibly for y^{e} recovery of y^{e} money, wee trust there can be noe scruple of its security.

The Freight money payable by the King of Persias Embassader, wee not being able to gett it in time enough to send by this ship, but wee have creditted Bengall Factory, Accompt currant with it, which goes herewith y^{e} Henry and William's Acco^{t}: of Sugar she brought last year.

There is 20 Chests of Rose water, 20 Chests of wine, and 2 Chests of Fruit put on board this ship for Metchlepatam which please to forward them.

Wee Enlarge not further but most Respectfully tender y^{e} presentation of our humble services & *Brevia.*

Hono^{ble}: s^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your Hon^{rs}: &c^{a}: most humble serva^{ts}:

DANIEL EDWARDS.
FRANCIS SNAPE.

GOMBROONE Y^{E} 17TH JUNE 1685.

Worsh^{ll} &c^{a}: Our Hon^{d}: Friends.

The P^{mo}: May y^{e} Bengall Merch^{t}: Cap^{t}: John Goldsbrough brought to our hands yo^{r}: worsp^{l}: &c^{a}: of y^{e} 13 Jan^{ry}: 16$\frac{84}{85}$ att her Arrivall wee mett with some opposition from the Dutch, they denying us the liberty and use of these Country boats to unlade her, having stopped and detayned one y^{t}: wee had sent off, which gave us occasion to forbeare sending any more off, these unwarrantable proceedings of their's Engaged us some time in disputing, and protesting against each other, in the Intrim were forced to unlade y^{e} shipp as much as wee could with our

own boats with great charge to the Honoble: Compa: as wee were unavoidably thereto Compelled to unlade the ship, all which tooke up a great deale of time, having likewise been forced to send the shipp to Ormuz for Ballast, far beyond what otherwise would have done.

Notwithstanding our uttmost Endeavours, wherin wee sollemly declare, wee have not been wanting, wee have not been able to yt: time to dispose of ye: Bengall Merchant Cargoe of sugar, how great A Dissapointment it will be to you who are sensible, tho' the witt of man, wee are ꝑsuaded in yt Extremity could not have brought it about, wee are att soe great a nonplus in yt Affair, wee know not well which way to turne our selves, noe Mercht: ys: yeare come downe nor will not, till the Dutch have made peace, those yt: are here keep down the price, ye mony such as it is a shame should bare the name of money, Mamodts: now hardly procurable Abas: there is, but far worst then mamodts:, all which being duely Considered, wee hope will Render us Excusable, to keep the ship longer, wee thought would not be convenient, it being late in the yeare and having but little Encouragement, for ye state of Affaires to Expect any speed & disposall of ys: yeares sugar, which besides its quantity proves Extrordinary mean, and Dirty, ye Patna sugar, without grain cost most and yeilds less then the Berboon notwithstanding its courseness, wee have noe Remedy left us but patiently wait ye Conveniency's of ye marketts and referr y[m] soe next year for Returnes, which wee hope soe to bring about one way or other, as yt: it may be all in Gold or good money, which tis our Intentions to Endeavour, being to proceed ys: yeare for Spahawn, wee may meet with oppertunities of Changing it, tho' it will be att some Considerable Allowance for Exchange.

Herein wee send ye Accompts of ye saile of the Henry and Williams sugar its effect wee have laden upon ye Bengall Merchts: and Consigned to the Honoble: President &ca: In Fort St: George, in good old Abas: and five Shã: Pẽcs which wee had the oppertunity of procuring att Spahaune, tho' the Exchange cost us 9 in 10 ꝑr Cent, The Hares Cargoe wee have remitted to Suratt, according to your directions last yeare & orders Recd: from the Honoble: President &ca in Surat this: the Henry and Williams Peice goods were carried up to Spahaune in order to the disposall there where by Reason of great confusion, about ye Allteration of ye Compa:, they were kept in warehouse till our departure from thence the 30 8br: last, Mr: Darnelly, staying there to dispose of ym: but it pleas'd God to remove him out of this Troublesome world ye 18 Decembr: following, [so] yt: to this time they remain unsold there being noe body there after his death yt: could take care of ym:

Horses wee have not been Able to procure any nor can wee supply you with any, unless you order ym: to be bought and provided ye year before, if your necessity be such as must have them, and good ones, ther's no other way but giving directions abot: them before hand, wee Enlarge not but most Respectfully Tender ye Presentation of our humble servises and Remain

Your humble servants.

DANIELL EDWARDS.

FRANCIS SNAPE.

A COPPY OF A LẼE TO Mr: ROBERT FREEMAN &cA: COUNCILL ATT METCHLEPATAM.

GOMBRON YE 17TH JUNE 1685.

Hond: Srs:

The Barnardiston in her Passage from Surat hither mett with ye Syam Merchant off of Cape Mussaudowh, whose supra Cargoe Mr: Brough delivered to ye: Capt: youre Generall to us, proceeding on his voyage to Long, soe yt: by her, your Letter, with ye ships acot: ffreight Accordingly came to our hands ye 18 Ultimo:

Wee had likewise a letter from Mr: Brough giving us Account yt: ye Merchants were unwilling to come to the place, soe yt: he was forced to proceed to long with them other newes then this from him, or any other in the ship wee have not had, tho' understand shee is Arrived, therfore cannot give you an Accot: of her or any thing relating to her, whether shee be again Freighted out to the Merchts: when she Intends to depart from thence, whether or no shee Intends to come here, not a word of any thing have wee heard from ym: more then the Aforemenc̃oned Capt: Paramour, soe must desire you to be Referr'd to another Oppertunity which 'tis pro[b]able Mr: Brough may make Choice of to give you an Accot: of all things which may be he finds some Reason not to doe to us.

Wee have sent you 20 Chests of Rosewater 20 Chests wine, and fruit as ꝑr Invoice by the Bengall Merchant to Fort St: George, from whence they may be sent you not knowing whether ye Syam Mercht: will putt in here, for there or noe, Horses there is none procurable for Love or money.

Wee Enlarge not, but now Respectfully sallute you & Remain

Youre humble servants.

Daniel Edwards.
Francis Snape.

To the Honoble: Wm: Gyfford
Esqr President & Governor:
of Fort Sr: George &ca: Councill.

Pettipolee July 25th 1685.

Honoble: Sr: &ca:

Since our last to you of the Eighteenth Currant finding that the Dubash and Bramany made but little preparation for their Journey this day sent for them to know the Reasons why they moved soe slowly making them the second time sensible that youre orders were to have them dispatched upon the Recpt of youres of ye: 9th: Instant to which returned this Answer yt: they must Confess ye time they desired to send their families to Matchlepatam was Expired, upon which Commanded then their repairing to you with all Expedition without any more frivelous Excuses, they told me they were not slack in obeying, but hope theyr stay here would be more to satisfaction, having now brought these heads of ye Merchants to town, which Act for the Rest, with Expectation of bringing them to a Complyance for the Abatemt of ye Pags: 2560 [7] 1: or if not to away with all speed up to ye Fort with 2 or 3 of the Merchants in Company, there to await your pleasures.

Here is come now to Towne Chundore Dowle and Accanah two of the leading men, they now only wait for Lingapah and Chintellipunde Muttella, who as am Informed are ye only sticklers against ye Abatemt: continually writing to yc rest not to comply them they have now sent for by 4 severall messengers, & their coming is Expected too morrow att whose Arrivall are in great hopes of concluding this Troublesome Business the Rest, here seeming Consenting which is the only offers with true Respects from

Honoble: Sr: &ca:
Your most obedt: humble servt:
Will: Shales

To the Honoble: Wm: Gyfford Esqr
President and Governor: &ca: Coodaloore the 6th Augst 1685
Councell in Fort St George.

Honoble: Sr: &ca:

Your's of ye 23d & 29th Ultimo: Have Received, by which observe your speedy Intentions of supplying us with money, which desire may be as soon as possible because it will much Conduce to ye Advantage of Affair's here, for there is nothing

to be done without that, and wee are soe perpetually Dunn'd for it, y^{t}: wee know not which way to turne our selves, and have noe other Remedy then to desire our Tormentors patience, given them the Assurance of our dayly Expectations of A supply, our Earnest Endeavours shall not be wanting to Answer youre Expectations in obliging the Porto Novo Merchants to take of the Europe goods there on the last Contract, which have soe often urged y^{t}: feare will prove Ineffectuall, without you please to advance a Considerable sume of money with them for to supply us with more before those wee had were Disposed, will cause such a glutt that wee fear wee shall not be able to find a vend for them. Wee shall observe your orders in continuing M^{r}: Ords Acct^{ts}: in our books, and obliege the Merchants for whatever Contracts wee make with them to take of y^{e} proportion of Europe goods you mention (if possibly being very sensible) y^{e} great Advantage 'tis to y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: and the nation to promote [the] vend of our Native manufactures.

Herwith Remitt you the Porto Novo Merchants Acc^{t}: Curr^{t}: from the time of our settlement in this parts, to this time by which you will find to what Amo^{t}: in Europe goods they have taken off, and to what amo^{t}: hath been payd them in money to which desire you will please to be referr'd, 'tis true they ought to have been obliged to have taken of the same proportion of Europe goods y^{t}: other ffactories had done, but that remains still to doe, for they were not to be obliged thereto and wee forced to conclude with them on the best termes wee could, considering the circumstances wee were formerly having soe many Interlopers (our Competitors) which you were pleased to Approve.

If you please to peruse our first Contract, you will find y^{t}: both the sale of Europe goods, and what goods provided by us here depends on your sales att the Fort, & the prices y^{t}: you allow for your goods there, our merchants being obliged to advance 6 ℔cent on the sale of the Europe goods, and to abate 7 ℔^{r}Cent Dustore included on the [price] that you allow for your goods, and are not possibly to be obliged to any other Conditions: wee have Acquainted our Merchants y^{t}: M^{r}: Jordan is suddenly Expected, and y^{t}: they need not doubt of a satisfactory Acco^{t}: of their concernes with him, God send him in safty to Return, & have obliged them what possible to lade, but to noe purpose, pretend they are out of stock, being soe much in Disburse for Compleating the Comp^{as}: Investment, and are a people soe Timerous, that the probability of Advantage if not sufficient to Encourage them to Expose their Estates to any thing of Danger, wee shall make the best provisions wee can for the Kempthorne who Arrived here yesterday in the Afternoon and for what Laden on her for the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Acco^{t}: shall Invoice it to M^{r}: Pitt & M^{r}: Constable, & allsoe Remitt you an Acco^{t}: of what laden on ffreight, and recomend it to yo^{r}: care to Receive the ffreight off.

Wee would not Avoid ℔^{r}mitting y^{e} merchants to lade some rice for otherwise they would not lade any Bale goods though it shall be as little as may be Except there shall be occasion for it after the Companys is aboard to compleat the ships Laden for the provision of which, what money ordered, as soon as Rec^{d}: was Immediately Remitted, there is something of Reason to gratifie the Merchants in laden Rice, because there is a French ship bound for Porto Novo to Atcheen, who possible may deprive of w^{t}: would be ffreighted on the Comp^{as}: ship if they con[ceed] to better termes then wee doe, for which there is noe other security as yett then the merch^{ts}: verball promise, which is broke or kept att their pleasure though shall take what care possible to secure the business soe as wee may meet with noe Dissappoint[ment], in which there hath been noe neglect but they were not to be obliged to underwrite any thing till the ship Arrived, which shall be our Endeavour, now to doe.

Wee shall Creditt you for y^{e} Amount of youre Invoyce sent by shipp Kempthorne who this day will be dispatched for Porto Novo, if whether present for landing y^{e} goods. Wee have Rec^{d}: & ℔^{r}used y^{e} Transcripts of y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Advices to you and read wth: a great Deal of satisfaction their noble designes in propagating their trade in these parts of the world and hope the Allmighty will give us a blessing theiron that the product may Answer

their Expectacõns and Abundantly Enrich the Kingdom which doubt not but youre most prudent, & discreet management of their Affaires will very much contribute towards, and are heartily glad to read it hath been soe Acceptable to them as to deserve their great Commendacõn, and Applause, which wee find they are pleas'd to give you, & doubt not but you will soe persevere therein as to have much greater honours and favours Conferr'd on you.

Wee have Rec^{d} : Cap^{t} : Kempthorns Dispatch for them which shall be delivered him, and the time noted According to order, as soon as his business is compleated, hee desires wee would provide him with a Boat for landing his Rice att Acheen Planck Dunnage & Matts for conveniencys of stowing his Rice which if you Approve shall be done of which please to Advise, the Lascarrs you order to be provided shall be done.

Wee have Advice of two Interlopers Arrived att Trincombar, and three more to the Southward of y^{t} : in Ecogees Countrey, where they are treating for a settlement and Fortification that is there but of the last 3 nothing of Certainty, when wee have, shall Advise and if any of them shall come away to any Port under the Juri[s]diction of Harja Rajah shall Remind Gopall Punditt of his Cowle that he see it duely p^{r}formed y^{t} : they are not permitted any thing of comerce there ; tho' wee are of opinion notwithstanding our Indeavours for the prevention therof, he would Entertaine them being soe much dissatisfied in turning away the last our trade being soe farr short of his Expectation therefore desire youre orders in such a case how to proceed ; wee are heartily sorry to understand by private hands the great Distraction of the R^{t} : Hono^{ble} : Comp^{as} : Affaires in the Bay, & Earnest desire it pleases God soe to order things y^{t} : there may be Friendly composure thereof and all things concurr to their Interest.

Herewith Remitt you our Diary Acco^{t} : Cash for June & July wth : purser Acco^{t} : for Aprill May and June to which desire you will please to be Referr'd which with the tender of our due Respects is the needfull att present from.

Hono^{ble} : S^{r} : &^{ca} :

Your most Humble & Obedient servants

Jn^{o} : Davis.

Ralph Ingram.

what omitted in the foregoing necessary to Advise, is [. . .] you please to Creditt our Acco^{t} : Curr^{t} : for the Amount of [. . .] Custome not charged in our Invoyce, which you are pleased to Advise the Merchants are not to bee by contract obliged to Allow.

If you please to order us to build att Porto Novo for which theres an Absolute necessity, being not for the R^{t} : Hono^{ble} : Comp^{as} : Reputacõn that when wee are there about their business we should be all Cooped up togeather in one room like soe many birds in a Cage, and not have the Conveniencys for it whilst our neighbours the Dutch have the Accomodãcons. Their Factory with all conveniencys for the Carrying on their business (not y^{t} : wee desire to putt the h^{t} : Hono^{ble} : Comp^{a} : to any unnecessary Charges but what absolutely necessary for their business and our Accommodation,) it will then be Convenient y^{t} : the houses lately burnt Downe by Accident of Fire Adjoyning to y^{e} west part of our Ground be not for th[e] Future permitted to be rebuilt there because if any such Accident should happen, it would very much Endanger our Factory which the last did, but thanks be to God the R^{t} : Hono^{ble} : Comp^{as} : Estate was with much difficulty secured, for prevention of which, 'twill be convenient to obtain the subedars order y^{t} : y^{e} houses may not be rebuilt which must be done by A Present to him, he hath been very urgent with us to Remove out of Seer Cawns house, the time he permitted us to dwell therin, being Expired, which wrote him should very readily gratifie him in, could wee be provided, of another place convenient for our business, which he well knew wee had not been wanting in to provide and that y^{e} building of A ffactory was not the worke of one day, where workemen & all

other materialls are soe scarce, however hoped in time it might be Effected (tho' never desire it may be in the place he hath Allotted it us, being soe unconvenient for our business, and why he should not gratifie the Hono^{ble} : Comp^{a} : here to their Conveniency as well as Vittapilla had done att Conimeer, which is under the same Governm^{t} : wee know not tho' his pretence is if he should gratifie our desires in letting us have the ground wee desired it would be to neare the Fort to which Breifly hinted to him that our settlement was to promote trade and not to warr, and since he could not gratify our desires, wee would content ourselves with what wee had done therefore desired he would permitt our Continuance in the house till should have Conveniency of our own ; in which he would very much oblige the R^{t} : Hono^{ble} : Comp^{a} : and you, but he still Insulting on our Remove, wee told him it would be soe Ill Resented by you, as to belive he desired not our settlement In his Countrey, therefore desired him as he Tendred y^{e} Divans Intrest he would consider of it, wee desire you will pleace to supply us with Factors provisions of w^{ch} : are in great want viz^{t}: Inke, Quills, Letter Paper, pensills & sealing wax.

Idem.

JN^{o} : DAVIS.
RALPH INGRAM.

VIZAGAPATAM JULY 1685.

TO THE HONO^{BLE}: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A} : COUNCILL.

Hono^{ble} : S^{r} : &c^{a} :

Our last were dated the 8th: June and 3^{d}: Instant, this is principally to Accompany transcripts of our Consultacons Acco^{ts}: Cash &c^{a} : for the past month as likewise the Ballance of our bookes to the last of Aprill past Coppies thereof ordered to be in A Readiness to be sent you which shall take care to have punctually observed.

Wee may not Omitt Advising the unsettled posture of this part of the Countrey being threatned with an Invasion of which his Excellency is very Apprehensive of & Accordingly great preparacons are on foot to put his Countrey in a Condicon to withstand his Armed neighbours on the Frontiers towards Bengall they having allready seized one of his Forts and put all theirin to the sword which has in soe great a measure Alarmed his Excellency y^{t}: he has summon'd all his principall officers to Court and dayly drawes what Forces he can togeather and is very pressing to have them take y^{e} Feild but by what wee can understand he Intends not to proceed upon y^{e} Expedition in person [. . .] Generall and other officers refuse to goe without him, unless he delivers to them the severall Rajas upon whose Accompt the quarell is grounded which his Excellency att present obstinately refuses but 'tis hoped he may be prevail'd with and the business Accomodated otherwise, he will be reduced thereto by a long and tedious warr, to the Ruin of his Countrey, and great Impediment of trade of which wee are to sensible allready, and the Dutch Merchants upon the Apprehentions thereof have returned their money Rec^{d}: upon their Investment ; yett our merchants are in a pretty good forwardness with our Investment, & Assure us that unless an Absolute Conquest succeeds by our good Agreement with his Excellency, and Principall Commanders our business will be reduced to noe very great streights, the send[ing] the powder and lead lately wrote for will very *Highly* oblige his Excellency, the Dutch having denied him therein and noe doubt but he will find an oppertunity to Resent the unkindness and in a greater measure Esteeme our good Intentions in furnishing him in his great necessity which is the needfull from

Hono^{ble} : S^{r} : &c^{a} :
Your very humble servants
ROB : BROWNE.
G : RAMSDEN.
CHARLES FLEETWOOD.

VIZAGAPATAM JULY 20TH 1685.

TO THE HONOBLE: WM: GYFFORD ESQR:
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA: COUNCIL.

Honoble: Sr: &ca:

The Accompanying pacquett has been Detained some time upon notice from his Excellency yt: he was preparing A Letter to his Honor: ye: President wch: wee have Just now Recd: and comes herewith to Refer at his Request for Gunpowder and lead and desires us again to Recommend the same for A speedy supply and wee Intreat you will be pleased to furnish him to the full of his desires which will in a very Extraordinary manner Engage him to continue our ffriend favour and forward our Affaires, & yt: you will please to Intimate in your Answer yt: wee had before, solicitated you on this score (of which his writing himselfe Implies A Mistrust), having likewise a fair Oppertunity to Recommend us in an Effectuall manner to him that soe long as he favours us, and the Rt: Honoble: Compas: Affaires wee shall be Allways Ready & Intent to supply his occasions and yt: our gratitude will ever bear an Equall proporcõn to his curtisies, which wee humbly offers to yor Consideracõn as a sure & Effectuall means to Advantage the Rt: Honoble: Compas: settlement in these parts and is what offers worthy notice from

Honoble: Sr: &ca:
Your very humble servt:
R. BROWNE.
G: RAMSDEN.
CHARLES FLEETWOOD.

TRANSLATE OF A LRE FROM THE SHARLASCAR OF THE CARLINGA COUNTREY TO YE HONOBLE: WM: GYFFORD ESQR PRESIDENT DATED JULY 1685.

I Enjoy good health, wishing to hear the like from your Honor:, 'tis long since I Recd: a Letter from your Honor: which there can be noe Reason for, since there is so great Friendship between us, I have great occasion for some Powder, Lead, and Salt Petre, therefore upon ye Recpt: of this, I desire your Honor: would please to supply me wth: a ships Lading, I Esteeming yor: Honor: as my owne Brother, therefore give you this trouble, & desire you would not delay, I shall not Enlarge knowing your Honor: to be soe understanding a Person, only beg ye Favour of being Commanded in youre service.

TRANSLATE OF LRE FROM YADAVOO PONTULOO GOVERNR: OF PORTO NOVO TO THE CAPT: OF THE INTERLOPERS SHIP ATT TRINGAMBAR DATED THE 11 AUGUST 1685.

I enjoy good health wishing to hear the same from you, I hear you and your shipp Arrived att Tringambar which I am much Rejoyced att, four yeares since your shipps came hither to settle, but upon some displeasure left us, how I am Informed from one [I]ampermaul yt: you designe a settlement in the[s]e parts, who I have Returned and would have you send 2 of your English men with him, and a Coppy of what Cowle you would have granted you, which I shall advise ye Subbadar of and gett Accordingly, the Sobadar is now upon going to ye Camp, soe I would have you send your People, with your proposalls before his Departure, for other matters, I leave you to what Iamperma[u]l shall Discourse you.

PORTO NOVO AUGT: YE: 16TH 1685.

TO THE HONOBLE: WM: GYFFORD ESQR: PRESIDT:
AND GOVERNOR: &CA: COUNCIL IN FORT ST: GEORGE.

Honoble: Sr: &ca:

Wee formerly wrote you the probability there was of the Merchants Freighting on the Kempthorn, which gave [you ye] Incouregmt: of sending her downe in Expectacõn thereof; wee Recd: ꝑr Advice from Mr: Cawley desiring that he would writ to you Immediately to dispatch ye ship towards us, upon whose Arrivall Advised him thereof, yt: soe he might make provision accordingly for her, but

finding nothing concluding on with the merchants wee Resolv'd to proceed on her hither to Effect it as soon as possible & Immediately upon our Arrivall to Accquaint the Subadar the Occasion, Earnestly requesting his Assistance in the business, for which should not have been ungreatefull (for you may please to take notice there is nothing to be done in my Affairs here but by his Direction) which he promised he would not be wanting into his power, and would send for the Merchants, and would oblidge them to Lade what he could an[d] send us an Acc^{t}: for our Approbation which after some dayes debate was that the merchants would Lade 100 Bales, & Pago^{s}: 1000 in Rice, att 5 ℔^{r} Cent Bale goods and 45 ℔^{r} Cent for Rice, and seing noe pro[b]ability of Advancing yo^{r}: ffreight, nor having any more goods on ffreight (being two shipps allready gon from this Port for Acheen, two Chouts or ships & a French ship more besides the Kempthorn designed thither) wee told him wee should Accept thereof (tho' this would be a great disobligacon of sending any more ships down hither for the Future, to send them Away with such beggerly ffreights neither should wee ever doe it till wee were first Assured by subscription what the ffreight would be, and not to stand to their Curtesie when they came hither either to Accept what they would Lade on their owne Tearmes, or Returne like fooles (as wee came) therefore desired the merchants subscriptions for what they had promised to lade, which told us should be done, but still, putting us off from day to day, & being desirous to knowe who wee might Depend on, he sent [us word this] day y^{t}: y^{e}: Merchants were under noe obligacons to ffreight on y^{e} shipp, neither would they have disposed of their goods, (And why M^{r}: Cawley should propose it to you wth: out better Assurance cannot but Admire) wee therefore desire you would please to forward us money y^{t}: wee may if possible compleat her lading with Rice w^{ch}: much question being soe many Buy^{rs}: and Risen att least 50 ℔^{r} Cent since begun to buy, being to Expect nothing here, Resolve to dispatch the ship to Trincombar and Coricall, to Resolve what Rice shall be provided for her and to wait further orders from you, having made the Subidar sensible of y^{e} Dissapointment, & how Ill it will be Resented by you not to give his friendly Assistance and in obliging the Merchants to Lade & Receiving noe Incouragements from him, ℔^{r} mitting the Choulear shipp to run away with the Freight, by whom were sure y^{e} Divan is not soe much Advantaged as by our trade, therefore thought in Justice & honour, to have preferr'd our Interest before theirs, but since he hath not, rather then the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: shall suffer such a Disparagement of having others served before them (if money will ℔^{r}vent it) wee Resolve when the ship is gon, if wee find nothing of Freight to offer without it, to Tender him, Pago^{s}: 500 as A Private gratuity, provided he will oblige the Merc^{ts}: to lade 500 bales on the ship in time to proceed on her voyage, which possibly may oblige the Subidar, to ℔^{r} ferr our Interest, before the Choula^{rs}: which hope you will not dissaprove, wee hope you will not Impute y^{e}: Disappointm^{t}: to any neglect in us for wee doe assure you wee have left noe stone unturned to Effect our bussiness.

M^{r}: Cawley Refusing to signe y^{e} foregoing, his Reasons was Demanded, w^{ch}: told us would offer to you in a Generall, to w^{ch}: humbly Intreat you will be plea[s]'d to Referr w^{ch}: is the needfull att pres^{t}: from

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most humble & obed^{t}: serv^{ts}-
Jn^{o}: Davis.
Ralph Ingham.

P.S.

The 14 Curr^{t}: sayled by an Interlop^{r}:
y^{e} Ande Luzier John Jacobs Comand^{r}:
& bound for the Bay.

Idem.
J. D.
R. I.

To the Honoble: Wm: Gyfford Esqr:
President & Govern& &ca: Council.

Honoble: Sr: &ca:

This serves to give you Acco[t]: of my being att Porto Novo, where I did Expect to have Rec[d]: my Lading by the Incouragement you gave mee; but are soe farr from it, y[t]: I doe not hear of one Bail of goods, nor Rice, therefore must proceed to Trincombar and Carricall to Receive if there be any bought, w[ch]: I very much Question whether halfe youre money is layd out, nor doe I hear y[t]: any of the Merch[ts]: of this place, gave any promise to Lade Bales on board o[r]: ship, having upon Examinacon Denyed it, I fear it will be a very hard voyage for y[e] Comp[a]: as well as for my own p[r]ticular, could I have thought it before, would A desired to a gon to y[e] Bay.

Sirs: I desire to know whether you continue yo[r]: Resolution In sending me for Persia, when it shall please God I returne from Acheen to Metchlepatam because I heard from y[e] George y[t]: the Comp[a]: had order'd all their shipps to hasten home in a Fleet, I have not to Enlarge but y[t]: I am

The 16th: Augst: 1685: Porto Novo

Honoble: Sr: &ca:
Your very humble serv[t]:
John Kempthorne.

Porto Novo 16 Augst: 1685.

To The Honoble: Wm: Gyfford Esqr:
President & Govern[r]: &ca: Council of Fort St: George.

Honob[le]: Sr: &ca:

I most humbly crave yo[r]: leave to Answer the Reflection y[t]: is cast on mee in M[r]: Jn[o]: Davis &ca: Generall to yo[r]: Hon[r]: &ca: wherin it's said what Reason I had to Incourage you to send y[e] ship here for A ffreight, I had as much Incouragement as there was the last yeare, for there was promised me by the Merchants att Least 300 Bailes, I did all y[t]: lay in my power, (as if had been my own p[r]ticular Affair) to oblige them to signe, for what they promised to Lade, but they allwayes Replyed when I proposed it to them, y[t]: they would not signe, till y[e] ship was Arrived here In the Roade, saying they did noe other with M[r]: Ord y[e] last yeare, (which is a Truth) wherefore continually Advised M[r]: Davis &ca: of it, and pray'd him to desire you to Dispatch the ship with all Expedicon possible for I Alledged y[e]: sooner shee Arrived here, y[e] more Bayl goods shee would have, and her long stay is cause of y[e] Disappointm[t]: for shee Arrived here but the 10th: Curr[tt]: had shee been here 6 weeks sooner it would have prevented y[e]: Freighters, to have Laded on other shipps, w[ch]: are Dispatched & gon for Acheen 15 or 20 dayes past, wherefore Honoble: Sr: &ca: I trust you will not blame me, (for I call God to Record) I have In every Respect used my care & Diligence, to secure a ffreight for her & am Confident noe man could have don more y[n]: I have wherefore am heartily gri[e]ved for this Disappointm[t]: nothing Elce but Am most Respectfully In the quallity of Honoble: Sr: &ca:

Yo[r]: most humble & most obedient serv[t]:
Will[m]: Cawley.

Conimeer Augst: y[e]: [18th . . .]

To the Honoble: Wm: Gyfford Esqr:
President &ca: Council in Fort St: George.

Honoble; Sr: &ca:

This serves only to Acquaint you that wee have Rec[d]: y[e]: Pago[s]: 50000 you were pleased to send us that the Chief Arrived here yesterday morning and y[t]: when our Merchants Return to town (some of them being now Absent). Wee

shall as far as in us lyes follow those orders and Directions you were pleased to give us in your Gen^{ll}: of y^{e} 14th: Instant, soe this being y^{e}: needfull att present wee conclude these Respectfully Remaining

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most humble serv^{ts}:
JOHN WILLCOX.
P.S. RICHARD MILTON.

Herewith comes A Lr̃e from Amboje Pontulo to his Hon^{r}: wee have now Returned y^{e} Peons, please to send us somo Lett^{r}: paper &c^{a}: wee being in great want thereof; this morning about 6 A Clock there passed by a ship wth: English Cullers.

J.W.

TRANSLATE OF A LR̃E FROM AMBOJEE PONTULO FROM CONIMEER TO Y^{E} HONO^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}: DATED AUGST: 1685.

I Enjoy good health wishing to hear y^{e} same from yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: 'tis long since I have been hon^{d}: by y^{e}: Rec^{t}: of yours, and wee being soe great friends, tis noe Reason y^{t}: yo^{r}: Hono^{r}: should not Accquaint me with y^{e} newes of yo^{r}: health, Vittulapelly our subidar hath been wth: his Excell^{y}: who have shewed him great favour, and made him Cheif Govern^{r}: over all y^{e}: Carnatta Countrey and he is att present gon to End some business att Ballapoor and Covlala which when he hath finished he will Return hither this being good newes, I therefore thought it Convenient to Accquaint your Hon^{r}: with it, and shall Enlarge noe further att present only desire yo^{r}: Hono^{rs}: further Commands.

Monsieur.

Il n'estoit pas necessaire de l'avis qu'il vous plaist me donner par le honneur de la vostre du 21 du courant puis que je vous ay desja marqué par une de mes lettres que je ne pourrois favoriser Les particulliers sans faire tort au Commerce de nostre Comp^{a}: Est cest ce que je Vous Confirme ancorre. Ie Est vray que par cy devant [il] en est Venu quelque un en ce port mais personne [ne] peut dire que J'aye escouté leurs propositions seulement ce que la bienseance veut qui est d' avoir receu leurs visittes Je vous reitere encorre que de ce costé la vous devez estr' en repos cependant Mons^{r}: si vous me employet pour vostre service je vous donneray des marques que je suis

Vot̃: tres humb̃ Et trez
obeissant serviteur
DELTOR

PORTO NOVO AUGST Y^{E} 18TH: 1685

TO THE HONO^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R} &C^{A}: COUNCIL.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

This serves to Advise that since our last of y^{e}: 16th: Curr^{t}: wee have obliged y^{e} Merchants to subscribe for Bail's 120 whose Examples may prompt others to doe it, and tho' they doe not soe fully Answer yo^{rs}: & o^{rs}: Expectac̃ons, yett hope they may in some measure suffise, for in Reallity there is not y^{t}: prospect of Advantage as there was last year, and y^{e}: Reason is y^{t}: the Port was then Blocked up and the Merch^{ts}: ready to ffreight on our ship on any Reasonable term's but now they have the freedome of Trade & studdy their own Conveniency.

What proposed concerning y^{e} subidar have wholly waved, and y^{e} Reason wee did it was y^{t}: finding y^{e}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Reputation lye att stake and our own Indeavours for prevention like to bee frustrated to prevent itt, tho' must needs confess, have been very much obliged to him in this Affair, w^{ch}: shall in

some measure Accknowledg, and desire when he shall Arrive w^th^: you may suddenly Expect y^t^: you will please to oblige him soe farr, as we may Reap the Fruits of it here by his ffriendly Countenancing y^e^ Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: Affairs mannaged under his Governm^t^: what further shall offer in this Affair, shall Advise as occasion Requires, was with the Tender of our humble service Conclude this from

Hono^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:
Yo^r^: most humble & Obedient servants.
Jn^o^: Davis.
Ralph Ingram.
Will^m^: Cawley.

P.S. Wee Received yours of y^e^ 10^th^ and 11^th^ Instant by M^r^: Pitts to which wee shall speedily give Answer.
Idem J. D.
R. I.
W. C.

Conimeer Aug^st^: y^e^ 22^d^: 1685.

To the Hono^ble^: W^m^: Gyfford Esq^r^:
President &c^a^: Council In Fort S^t^: George

Hono^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

Our last was dated the 18^th^: Ins^t^: since w^ch^: wee have been upon Inquiry's concerning the Interlopers, & have Information y^t^: y^e^ A[n]daluzia is sayled for Bengall, notwithstanding y^e^: many Invitacons from Gopull Punditt to come and trade att Porto Novo, tis strange y^t^: this man should be soe base, soe Treacherously to betray the R^t^: Hono^ble^: Comp^a^: notwithstanding y^e^ many and great obligations he has Rec^d^: from them, but wee have it from very good hands, y^t^: tis most Certain he writt letters to them, but since shee is gon to Bengall your Hono^r^ &c^a^: will be freed from any further trouble from y^t^: ship att y^e^: present, if any thing has been don att Pullicherry, it has been very private, and their designes managed att A Distance, soe y^t^: wee shall find it A thing of great [est] difficulty to Circumvent and frustrate such under hand dealings, if there is any such.

Wee have Advice y^t^; our subidar is coming down with very great Hon^r^: and power from y^e^: Camp, and y^t^: Gopull Punditt is to be subordinate to him, this the Cheif had in a Letter from Amb[o]jee Pontulo, but how true it may be, wee are not as yett certain, but y^e^: letter spoke very bigg and great words as to y^e^ subidar, if it was only to magnify him, as wee are Apt to think, wee have Answer'd him According to his own stile and design but wee can hardly thinke y^t^: Crafty Gopull Punditt can be soe Easily outwitted.

Our Business very much wants Assistance, you may please therefore to hasten M^r^ Holcombe as soon as possible when you shall think Convenient, Wee Remaine

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:
Your most humble servants
John Willcox.
Rich^d^: Milton.

Pettipollee 19^th^: Aug^st^: 1685.

To the Hono^ble^: W^m^: Gyfford Esq^r^
President and Govern^r^: In Fort S^t^: George &c^a^ Council.

Hono^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

In Complyance w^th^: your orders In your's of y^e^ 20^th^ past Richard Brereton Arrived here y^e^ 17 Instant to take charge of this Factory (much Rain in these parts being y^e^ Reason of his not coming sooner) and Accordingly W^m^: Shales deliver'd the Charge therof to him who will use his best Endeavours to discharge the trust you have been pleas'd to Repose in him for our R^t^: Hono^ble^: masters most Advantage.

Wee yesterday sent for our Merch^{ts}: to Acqua^{t}: y^{m} with yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: orders who sent some frivolous excuses for their not Appearing then but desired to be Excused till this day, soe that wee cannot now say more to this business then what W^{m}: Shales Advised you in his last.

The occasion of this soe suddain Express is, y^{t}: yesterday wee had newes of A ship being Arrived att Dowrampate and y^{t}: there was A Letter sent thence to Hydra Cawne, upon which wee Immediately dispatched a Peon to Dowrampate, to Enquire and bring what newes about her, and another to Hydra Cawne with a Civill message to him, as Accustomary with orders to Enquire of y^{e} People about him, what ship was att Dowrampate and what more materiall, this morning said peon returned and brings us word y^{t}: it's the same ship Cap^{t} Alley was In, & y^{t}: y^{e}: Letter y^{t}: was sent to y^{e} Governo^{r}: was from M^{r}: Charles Price, And y^{t}: another Ship would be there in a little time, and y^{t}: y^{e}: Govern^{r}: had sent people thither to Assist y^{m}: as likewise an Express to his master y^{e}: Cirkell this is what as yett wee have heard of them, of which wee thought Convenient Immediately to Accquaint your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: wee shall keep Peons continually att Dowrampate to Inspect as much as possible their proceedings w^{ch}: wee will give yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: continually Advices desiring your orders how to proceed herein, In the mean time wee shall use our uttmost Endeavours to oppose them, w^{ch}: being what offers att present Respectfully concludes this from

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Yo^{r}: most obedient servants
RICHARD BREERETON.
WILL^{M}: SHALES.

PORTO NOVO 24TH; AUGST: 1685.

TO THE HONO^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}; COUNCILL.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Our last owned y^{e} Rec^{pt}: of yo^{rs}: 10 and 11th: Curr^{t}: to which shall now Respectfully Reply, wee have Rec^{d}: Pago^{s}: 12,000 ℔^{r} M^{r}: Pitt, for which shall Creditt your Acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: & shall According to yo^{r}: orders pay off our Cred^{rs}: theirwith as far as it will goe, tho' it is much short of Complying with what wee are Indebted on y^{e} last year's Investment att Coodaloor and here being noe less y^{n} Pago^{s}: 47,000 soe y^{t}: it will be Convenient y^{t}: you Remitt us Pago^{s}: 35,000, to Even those Acco^{ts}: for w^{ch}: y^{e} goods are all In a readiness for Embailing (as the Merch^{ts}: Advise) which shall be speedily don.

Wee have att this time little less y^{n}: Pago^{s}: 20,000 : in [Eu]rope goods according to y^{e} Rate wee sell y^{m}: w^{ch}: will not Require less Ready money to help y^{m}: off y^{n}: pago^{s}: 80,000, being According to Contract to Deliver the Merch^{ts}: ¼℔^{t}: therin which wee Re[ferr] to your Consideracon.

The Kempthorne was Dispatched from hence y^{e}: 21st: Instant and on her M^{r}: Constable for y^{e} Ports of Tremliwash, TrinkhamBarr & Carricall to Receive what Rice is in A Readiness there, and to Advise what more procura[ble] in time y^{e}: quantity and price what to be had on ffreight, and what more y^{e} ship would be Able to take in more then Allready provided, y^{t}: soe wee might consider w^{ch}: would be more Advantageous to our R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Imployers, Either to permitt Lading on ffreight, or Compleat their Lading on their Acco^{t}: giving order to M^{r}: Constable y^{t}: he should Receive none on ffreight till he heard from us Concerning it from whome Rec^{d}: Advice, the 22^{d}: Curr^{t}: of his Arrivall att Trimlewash, and Receiving what in A Readiness there and Intentions of proceeding for Trinkambarr.

M^{r}: Pitt and M^{r}: Constable are Ordered to take an Acco^{t}: of what goods taken on ffreight y^{t}: soe they may receive w^{t}: due thereon, and to give us An Acco^{t}: thereof, y^{t}: it may be remitted you, when your Instructions for the proceeding on y^{e} voyage, shall arrive our hands they shall be delivered them.

If wee could Dispose of y^e Europe goods att greater Advantage, and buy goods in their parts Cheaper y^n: wee have hitherto don it, would be much to your good Liking and our own Reputacon, w^{ch}: noe men of any prudence would decline) w^{ch}: doubt not but you are well satisfied wee have not) but Instead of y^t: if you doe not supply us with greater sums of money y^n: hitherto don, wee shall become Contemptable, as wee find wee dayly doe every day more y^n: other, having Reflections cast upon us, y^t: wee came hither to Look about us, & not to trade, but hinder others y^t: would (meaning y^e: Interlopers) who most Certainly would not only be Entertained but protected from all violence y^t: should be offer'd y^m: as suppose M^r: Coats may have made you sensible of, whome here Intercepted some Letters y^t: were sent y^m: for Invitacon being gon from Trinkambarr, before they arrived, and y^e: Reason is wee have not Complyed with our promise to y^e: Government which makes y^m: look upon theirs, as noe wayes obliging to us, which most humbly referr to yo^r: Consideracon, for should any miscarriage as y^s: Attend us (w^{ch}: God forbid) 'tis never to be Retrived, not but y^t: wee must needs say yo^r: great care and prudent management have been to prevent these things to yo^r: power, but if things Answer not yo^r: Expectacons from home (as hope they may this year) wee must needs be Disappointed of ours.

Wee hear not more of y^e: Interlopers y^n: w^t: formerly Advised, but theirs a Report att Trinkumbarr y^t: there is more Expected, as soon as wee hear any Arrive shall not omitt to Advise, and follow yo^r: orders Concerning y^m: tho' if you please it would doe well to write y^e: $Govern^r$: of Trinkambarr to give y^m: noe Countenance there, and to Imploy our merchants here, soe as to Render y^m: Incapacitated of doing y^m: any service which if they want, they will not be wanting in doing.

Wee shall studdy all Frugallity in Building, but hope you will not dissalow, w^t: Absolute necessary, therefore desire you will please by y^e: first oppertunity of sea conveyance to send us Downe Timber fitt for Beams &c^a: being none to be had here, for till y^n: can doe nothing w^{ch}: most humbly Intreat you will not be unmindfull of, y^t: wee may not bee thus streight'ned for Conveniency, but in some measure & Consider us, as you have don our ffriends att Conimeer, whom are glad to find, have found soe great a share of yo^r: Favours, from which hope you will not wholly Exclude us, which shall make our studdy to deserve; wee have obtained a grant from Gop[a]ll Punditt for removing the houses y^t: were soe near y^e: Factory (w^{ch}: is don) soe only want materialls to goe on w^{th} y^e worke) & for our Continuance In Seer Cawnes house from y^e $\mathfrak{P}^{mo}$: 7ber next till the time twelve month, for w^{ch}: and other previledges, have not been att greater Charge y^n: Absolute necessary, as you will find by our Diary & Consultacons w^{ch}: shall be remitted you after y^e: Close of y^e month.

Gopall Punditt this day setts forward towards you to whom desire your kindness, for otherwise wee are to Expect from him, wee should have not been soe pressing w^{th}: him for Seer Cawnes house, had not wee Considered y^e Inconveniency of Receiving our goods here, being a much greater Custome and y^e want of Conveniency to doe it.

Wee heartily Congratulate y^e: Georges safe Arrivall with you y^e good newes y^e Interlopers being Cast (w^{ch}: hope soe effectually don as never more to Appear abroad, and must needs out of the great Respect, & Hon^r: wee bare to y^e memory of our Late Dread soveraign, Condole his Loss, and congratulate his Royall Highness being proclaimed King James y^e Second, youre Orders to Cap^t: Kempthorn, were Immediately deliver'd him, which concludes from

$Hono^d$: S^r: &c^a:

Yo^r: most Humble & $Obedi^t$: $Serv^{ts}$:

Jn^o: Davis.
Ralph Ingram.
W^m: Cawley.

To the Hono^{ble}: W^{m}: Gyfford Esq^{r} Metchlepat^{m}: 26th: Aug. 1685.
President & Govern^{r}: &c^{a}: Council

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Wee shall now give Answ^{r}: to yours of y^{e} 23^{d}: July w^{ch}: should have don sooner had not Robert Freemans Indisposition Impeeded who has been Ill of his old Distemper the Barbeers, Attended sometimes with A Feavour, w^{ch}: is still Incumbent tho' not violent.

The ship Chandos Arrived here 1st: Curr^{t}: and all care possible was taken for y^{e} speedy unloading what Consigned to this ffactory but such foul weather Attended y^{t}: notwithstanding wee had a great supply with boats wee could not doe it sooner y^{n}: y^{e} 4th Curr^{t}: in y^{e} Evening, and was Resolved to have dispatched her y^{e} next morning for Bengall, when about one of the Clock came to hand yours of y^{e} 29th Accquainting us with y^{e} troubles there, and ordering her to touch att Vizagapatam A ℔ Coppie of which Letter wee delivered to y^{e} Cap^{t}:, and sent Another to M^{r}: Richard Brown, &c^{a}: Council wth: Pago^{s}: 2,000 w^{ch}: is Conformable to your orders, and y^{e} 6 Curr^{t}: shee was Dispatched hence for y^{t}: port with a fair strong gale of wind w^{ch}: has lasted ever since, y^{e} Cap^{t}: Demanded pilotts from hence upon the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Charge lest he might miss the Port being unacquainted, to prevent w^{ch}: wee supply'd him with two, y^{e} Cost 8 Rup^{s}:

Wee have Cleared of all Debts to our Merch^{ts}: and mutuall Discharges given and Received y^{e} Amo^{t}: of which you will perceive by y^{e} Acco^{t}: of Cash, now sent, and how much wee are forc'd to Borrow, for Compleating y^{e} same thinking it better to doe soe, it being att y^{e} same Interest then discover to them y^{e} want of Cash for y^{e} satisfying soe small a sume wee have had some Difference wth: y^{m}: about y^{e}: time of Interest, our bills running only from y^{e} ℔ r^{mo}: March notwithstanding our former promise was, y^{t}: if they would launch out their own stocks for y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: they should be Allowed Intrest from y^{e} 25th Xber according to order in yo^{r}: genn: of y^{e}: 14th: Augst: but their goods being not brought in till y^{e} month of January and their Acco^{t}: not made up till y^{e} m^{o}: of Feb^{y}:, wee thought fitt to Date their Bills as before menc̃oned, w^{c}: is now y^{e} only dispute between us, but wee have by much perswasion brought y^{m}: to take their money, according to y^{e} Date of their Bills, and leave y^{e}: Considerac̃on of their Difference to yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: Councill 1 m^{os}: Interest more wee find may content them, but without y^{t} wee fear may discourage their future trusting us, of w^{ch}: they will as yett give us noe firme promise, but Demand some money in hand Else declare they can doe nothing, Europe goods wee have offered them, but to noe purpose, att this present time being worth nothing, because of y^{e}: warr att Gulcondah is a stop to all Trade soe soon as that's ended, they promise to take off a Considerable quantyty and thus you see y^{e} present state of our Condic̃on and how little may be Expected without a supply of money, however wee shall still use our uttmost Intrest and Endeavours to gett what possible wee can in Readiness according to your orders, supposing you mean what last Contracted for in the month of May w^{ch}: will not Exactly Answer y^{e} sorts nor terms menc̃oned in y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: List this year, nor will our Merch^{ts}: Adheer to any more Abatements, soe according to y^{t}: List, here can be noe other goods but Romalls provided and of y^{m} is not A peece In Readiness nor any mentioned in [y^{e}] last Contract [being in] y^{e} last year, therefore wee humbly Intreat your possitive order what wee shall doe [. . .] comply with our last Contract on our parts or not if y^{e} merchants will on theirs, and w^{t}: supply of money you can promise us this yeare w^{t}: more goods wee may bespeake att former prices, and w^{t}: not, and y^{n}: wee shall Act Accordingly, for as yett you have left us in y^{e} Darke Referring us only to y^{e} R^{t}; Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Letters, Conformable to w^{ch}: wee can doe little or nothing.

The Patterns of y^{e}: colour'd striped Beetelaes wee have shown to our Merch^{ts}: who will undertake 2 sorts] of y^{m}: but Demand in our opinion too Extravagant prices, wee have therefore sent y^{m}: to our ffriends att Madapollam to try what those merchants will offer y^{m}: att, by w^{ch}: wee shall y^{e} better know their Reall Vallue and will use our best Indeavours, to gett some of these att y^{e} Cheapest rates they can possibly be Afforded att.

The Treasure and Europe goods for Madapollam and Pettipolee wee have deliver'd to y^{e} Cheif of each ffactory, but y^{e} Latter Remains here by order of M^{r}: Brereton.

The Bale of Scarlett for this Factory is Every peece Damaged, and not one yarde free from spotts w^{ch}: 'twas shown to y^{e} Cap^{t}: before he went hence, who ownes it to be don on board his shipp, and Referrs it your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: what satisfaction must be given, wee have not more to Enlarge only humbly Intreat A supply of money and Remain

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Your most humble & obed^{t}: serv^{ts}:

Rich^{D}: ffreeman.
Timothy Harris.
Sam^{LL}: [S]wynoke.

Postscript.

S^{rs}:

Since writing y^{e} aforegoing is come newes of the Arrivall of an Interloper to Dourampata w^{ch}: makes a great noise in these parts, and we fear may prove prejudiciall to our R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Masters, because 'tis Reported they have brought A great stock of money and wee have none, soe what goods provided for us will be Converted to their use.

Just now is come to hand a letter from M^{r}: Charles Price Dated Dorampata y^{e} 17th: Curr^{t}: Advising of A Consignment to M^{r}: John Aelst of about 20000 ℔ $\frac{s}{s}$ and in case of his mortallity, to Rob^{t}: Freeman, and M^{r}: Browne y^{e}: former of which desires to know if he may Receive it on Engagement to send it home, upon y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: shipps Invested in Diamonds, and s^{d}: M^{r}: Price Advises of his Intention to touch here in his way but wh[i]ther bound know not, only fear he may have offers made him to Induce his stay, great quantity of goods being in towne, and wee not wherewithall to [Divert] it Either by a Present to y^{e} Govern^{r}: or purchasing y^{e} goods out of their hands, w^{ch}: is matter for your Consideracon.

Our Governour understands of A Persia ship being Arrived to your Port and will hardly belive otherwise but if y^{t}: w^{ch}: went from hence, w^{ch}: has A little Insenced him, it being our Engagem^{t}: shee should Returne hither therefore pray if shee should be Arrived wth: you send her hither else it may be a loss of the [*about two lines lost*] being in warrs.

Just now Arrived into this Road y^{e} ship Syam Merchant without any ffreight goods or Passengers only 89 Chests of Rose Water, and 6 horses 4 of which for y^{e} Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: according to orders given w^{ch}: you may please to Direct how they may be disposed off, w^{ch}: shall be Comply'd with, the other 2 are for y^{e} Governo^{r}: of this place; M^{r}: Brough is only come Ashore who Advises us y^{e} ship is but weakly man'd and y^{e} major part of their Europe [Provision] spent, Cap^{t}: Would-have [*sic*] Dyed y^{e} same Evening shee sayl'd out of this Road and 8 English men more in y^{e}: voyage, w^{ch}: wth: w^{t}: dy'd in their voyage out of England Amo^{ts}: to 24 or 25, how wee shall dispose of her, be pleased speedily to order, for as yett wee have none, y^{e} Prospect is likewise Arrived and M^{r}: Feild Just now come Ashore who has brought a Pacquett for Madapollam but none for this Factory.

Id:
R. F.
T. H.
S. S.

PETTIPOLEE 21ST: AUGST: 1685.

TO THE HONOBLE: WM GYFFORD ESQR
PRESIDENT & GOVERNR: OF FORT ST GEORGE &CA: COUNCIL.

Honoble: Sr: &ca:

Our last to you was of the 19th: Currt: wherin Advised of ye Arrivall of an Interlopr: att Dowrampate Commanded by Charles Price, and yt: our uttmost Endeavours should be Employed to give ym: all obstructions possible (till should receive orders from you how to manage our selves) the Chief having writt to Hydra Cawn this towne Governr: Requesting him not to Allow ym: any Assistance, or give any Encouragement for their stay, Continually keeping Peons upon ye way, and att Dowrampate to Advise of their proceedings ye wch: shall Duely Remitt to your Hond: selves.

This day one of our Peons Returned bringing newes yt: ye: old Bramany formerly belonging to this Factory with a Duebash is with Price, who Appears Extreemly Discontented, yt: they have neither Merchts: nor goods ready for him, Designing for ye Bay in 7 or 8 dayes, wch: is what at present wee can Learne.

Our Merchants come this After noone to returne their finall Answer to the Abatement of ye Pagods: 2560: 7: 1: Awarded ym: to pay for their Defective Cloth, wch: was (after many and long Disputes) they were Content to Allow the one halfe with this Proviso yt: a Factory should be built and wee Receive it in Goods not being to be perswaded to ye whole alltho' urged to it with most pressing Arguments, soe yt: now wee are to Await your farther orders how to proceed with them.

Wee have not as yett Recd: our money from Metchlepatam, nor Accquainted the Merchants of any ordered to ye Factory in hopes to have brought them to A complyance but finding they are not to be wrought upon to Abate the whole, design to send for it, and pay them the Pagods: 12000 yt: ye Interest for ye whole may not runn out.

Wm: Shales had lessened ye Charge of ye Factory by Dismissing severall peons, but have since been forced to Entertain ym: again upon this shipps Arrivall yt: might be ye better able to Inspect their proceedings, tho' shall allwayes have due Recourse to yor: orders of Enjoyning Frugallity, wch: wth: Tenders of our most humble services Concludes these from

Honoble: Sr: &ca:
Yor: most obedient Humble servants
RICH: BRERETON.
WILLM: SHALES.

P.S., AUGST 22ND: 1685.

Since ye sealing of this the Merchants came this morning to Attend ye Council and told ym: yt: In hopes they may Acquire ye good opinion of ye President and Councill att ye Fort, they were willing to Abate Pagos: 1000 more then before menconed to be payd in ye: following sorts of goods, Vizt: Chintz, Golcondah Betteelaes, or small Romalls, wch: of Either sorts you shall be pleased to Accept, but not as an Abatement on their Bill, to ye woh: wee Answered could of our own selves say little to it, but would Accquaint yor: Honr: &ca: and wait yor: further order.

Shall now Enter upon Discoursing them[to] Comply with giving our Honoble: Masters Creditt for 2000 Pagos: of goods ℔suant to your Commands In A Generall to Richard Brereton &ca: of Date ye 20th: past and Returne their Result in A Day or two.

The Governor: Hydra Cawne this day sent his Answer to ye Cheifs Letter, ye Coppy of which as well as what the Cheif writt to him goes with this.

Idm:

RICH: BRERETON.
WM: SHALES.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM M^{R}: BRERETON CHEIF OF PETTIPOLEE TO HYDRA CAWN BEAGUE GOVERN^{R}: THERE AN^{o}: [1684].

I enjoy good health and shall be very glad to hear y^{e} same from you, Designed to have come to give you a visitt, but y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Business requiring hast shall Referr it for 4 or 5 dayes longer, I hear y^{t}: one of y^{e} Interlopers shipps is Arrived att Deverampatt, and hath wrote a Letter to you; and y^{t}: you are Assistant to y^{m}: There being great Friendship between y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: & you, you promised us never to Assist any more Interlop^{rs}: y^{t}: should come to Duerumpatt, therefore I desire you would be as good as yo^{r}: word & turne y^{m}: Away, I shall not Enlarge, only desire y^{e}: Continuance of youre Friendship.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM HYDRA CAWNE BEAGUE GOVERN^{R}: OF PETTIPOLEE TO M^{R} RICH^{D}: BRERETON CHIEF THERE.

I Enjoy good health and shall be very glad to hear y^{e} like from you, I Rec^{d}: yo^{r}: Letter, and have observed y^{e} Contents thereof, you writt me therin, y^{t}: A new Comp^{a} of English people were come to Deverumpatt, and you would have me turn y^{m}: away, to w^{ch}: I Answer they are noe strangers, for they have been these 3 yeares trading here, and have Rec^{d}: a Phirm^{d} and Cowle, Pallankeen, Horse and other Hono^{rs}: from y^{e} King, and you being come newly to be Cheif to these parts, it may be you have not been Informed of these things, but those Dubashes y^{t}: are with you must Accquaint you of it if they have not done it Allready you may Consider of these things, keep yo^{r}: Love towards me, and Command me of yo^{r}: service.

PORTO NOVO AUGST: 27TH: 1685.

TO Y^{E} HONO^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Your Commission & Instructions to my selfe and M^{r}: Constable to proceed upon y^{e} Acheen voyage, I rec^{d} last night, I shall observe y^{m}: as close as possible I can, As to y^{e} Acco^{ts}: they shall be kept as you desire, my Direcons I shall take from M^{r}: Davis, & yo^{r}: stock shall be Returned as well Invested to y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: as can be Expected, wee'l make noe delay, but as soon as y^{e} Cargo can be Disposed off, & y^{e} Investment made, y^{e} shipp shall be Dispatch'd wth: all hast to Metchlepa^{m}: It did not A Little surprize me, when I Rec^{d}: yo^{r}: Orders for y^{e}: Delivery of y^{e}: R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Letter to her Maj^{tie}: of Acheen and soe Endeavour y^{e} procuring A Phirmand for our settlem^{t}: upon y^{e} west Coast, because I was Inform'd when I left the Fort y^{t}: my business would be only to Dispose of y^{e} Cargo, and ffreight goods & Accordingly I equipt my selfe in Every Respect; but since you have been pleased to pitch upon us, to manage soe great an Affair, I doe In y^{e} name of my selfe and M^{r}: Constable (tho' Absent) returne you our humble thanks, and Assure your selves wee shall Advise wth: M^{r}: Mohun, whether it be proper to deliver y^{e} Letter, and Accordingly Act, however wee will make y^{e} Present and press for y^{e} Phirmand as much as is Convenient, but I am sorry my Instructions are not a little fuller in y^{t} Affair or y^{t}: it might not have been left to our Discretion to Act as should be thought convenient w^{n}: wee are Arrived for otherwise I must not Exceed yo^{r} Commission, y^{e} business you say well, must be Transacted first wth: y^{e}: great men, but they must be presented too, otherwise they will be very cold, and perhaps Dissapoint y^{e} business, but I can doe noe such thing without orders, if you think fitt to leave y^{t}: to us, wee shall be very carefull how wee dispose of any thing to y^{m}: before they have Complyed with our Desire but if they doe and further the Grant, they will Expect to be well payd for it wee will take care to put our selves in such a Garb as you desire, and may be for y^{e} Comp^{as}: Creditt, and be as frugall too in't as

wee can, y^{t}: there might be no Exceptions made to our Expences, for y^{e} present wee carry, I shall be directed by M^{r}: Davis &c^{a}: w^{t}: to provide he leaves noe stone unturn'd to hasten yo^{r}: Dispatch of y^{e} ship, w^{ch}: cannot be Expected sooner y^{n}: y^{e} 1st: of 8ber, This Assure yo^{r}: selves wee shall be very carefull in y^{e} whole Affair, and we have A great deal of Reason for it, for our Reputacon lyes att stake, if it miscarry's wee are Lost, if it succeeds, I hope 'twill raise our Creditts in y^{e} opinion of our Masters, w^{ch}: y^{t}: it may, is the hearty Desires, and shall be y^{e} Endeavours of:

M^{r}: Davis gives his humble service
to yo^{r}: Hono^{r}: &c^{a}: Councill.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most obliged humble serv^{t}:
JOHN PITT.

TO THE HONO^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCIL.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Yours of y^{e} 21st Augst: have Rec^{d}: and Indeed I thought I shoud a writt a Letter of Lamentacon untill I came to this place, for att Trimlevas wee found but little Rice, att Trincombar none, but since my being here have taken in A parcell, which hath fill'd our Hold A baft y^{e} well & y^{e} Ballast all Thrown out and hope to have a good quantity on board by y^{e} End of next week I shall not bee wanting of throwing out all my Ballast if the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: service Require it I doe not understand y^{t}: y^{e} Price of Rice is soe greatly risen, besides I understood by M^{r}: Davis &c^{a}: y^{t}: y^{e} black Merch^{ts}: had underwritt for y^{e} lading of Bailes w^{ch}: I question not, but yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: long since had Acco^{t}: of his proceedings on that Affair, I allsoe Rec^{d}: yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: &c^{a}: for seizing y Interloper but he past by Porto Novo y^{e} Day before, And 3 or 4 Leagues of y Road where wee Rid, I shall not be wanting wth: my Endeavours for the service$_{e}$ I am In, I have not more to Enlarge, only y^{t}: with great Respect I am

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most humble & obed^{t}: serv^{t}:
JOHN KEMPTHORNE.

CARRICALL Y^{E} 29TH AUGST: 1685:
SHIP KEMPTHORN.

TO THE HONO^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: CONIMEER 7^{BER}: Y^{E} 4: 1685.
PRESIDENT &C^{A}: COUNCIL IN FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Having According to your orders pay'd off our Debts to o^{r}: Merch^{ts}: and having According to the same orders, further discource them about takeing of more Europe goods, or if they would Advance upon Creditt, wee told y^{m}: for their Encouragement, because wee were unwilling they should sitt still, y^{t}: wee would so Represent y^{e} Business to yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: y^{t}: they should have more goods from the Fort to keep y^{m}: att worke, further to gratify y^{m}: told y^{m}:, if y^{ey}: would Advance any more upon Creditt y^{t}: wee would Accept of their Endeavours y^{t}: way, but y^{t}: it must not be upon Interest for by y^{e} discharging y^{t}: y^{e}: Comp^{a}: would gett nothing by their goods, and as for any more ready money from y^{e}: Fort, at present they must not Expect it for tho' the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: had sent A great stock out this year, yett y^{e} present Circumstances in India had in some part deverted their Intentions, for y^{e} present Affairs of Sumatra, Syam, and China called for an Immediate supply, In A word wee told y^{m}: the present ready money lying before y^{m}: (for wee had Just y^{n}: payd their Debt) was a sufficient Testimony how good paymasters y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: were, and y^{t}: since wee

had done our parts, to put y^{m}: into A way, 'twas their own fault if they were now wanting to y^{m} selves our discourse had but a very cold Reception amongst them, and wee seeming as Indifferent as they sayd but little more to them, however pausing A little, and upon second thoughts as they took their leave of us, they of themselves told us, they would further consider upon it, and soe they continued till yesterday, and then brought us in y^{e} Result of their Consultacons, w^{ch}: was this, if wee would Advance pag^{s}: 23000 to y^{m}: in ready money they would Advance Pago^{s}: 20000 more of their own, free of Interest for 3 months, and would take of pago^{s}: 20000 in goods According to the following list, Viz^{t}:

Broad Cloth ord^{ry} Red	Pag^{s}:	2000
Scarlett		1000
Lead		2000
Vermillion & Quicksilver		1000
		6000
Allom, & Brimstone		1000
Corall		3000
Copper		10000
	Pago^{s}:	20000

This being A Handsome proposall of theirs wee told them wee would send An Acco^{t}: thereof to the ffort, upon whose Determination they must depend, and soe According to their Answ^{r}: either proceed upon or lett fall this their proposition.

Yours of y^{e} 30th ult^{o}: wee have Rec^{d} w^{ch}: brings us y^{e} Ill newes of y^{e} Interlop^{rs}: being att Dorampat w^{ch}: wee are heartily concern'd att, but are Apt to beleive y^{t}: without an Invitation there, they would hardly have ventured upon Allay's score, or have presumed to have Appeared soe neare your own doors.

Wee have ever found our Subidar Vittulapille more heartily in all his Actions to y^{e} Comp^{as}: Affairs, then Gopall Punditt, and if Report speaks noe untruth concerning his greatness, you may Expect a great deal more Cordiall dealing from y^{e} own, y^{n}: y^{e} other, In y^{e} management of any business wee have had for A long time a great deale of dry weather, w^{ch}: has dryed up all our Tanks, and allmost some of y^{e} wells God Almighty send us some rain, or else wee fear 'twill end in A Famine in the Countrey.

Thus having done our uttmost Endeavours in y^{e} discharge of those directions you were pleas'd to give us, wee humbly Referr the above written to your Consideration subscribing our selves as in all Duty

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most humble serv^{ts}:
JOHN WILLCOX.
RICH^{D}: MILTON.

To THE HONO^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}: OF FORT S^{T}: GEORGE &C^{A}: COUNCIL.

PETTIPOLEE THE 31TH: AUGST: 1685.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Yours of the 21st Currant came to o^{r}: Reception y^{e} 29th to which shall now Reply, the Complaint y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: makes of y^{e}: badness of the Golcondah and Cummum Betteelaes, humbly Apprehend doth not lye upon this

ffactory, there going none of those sorts of goods home the last year's shipping, there were some Golcondah Betteelaes sent up to y^e^ Fort upon y^e^ Mahamud, James Hawkes Master, and those could not Arrive in England att y^t^: time, presuming they were Laden on board y^e^ Royall James, however that might Enquire more narrowly into y^e^ Loss o^r^: Hono^ble^: Masters sustained by the Badness of y^t^: sort of cloth did this day send for o^r^: Merch^ts^: w^th^: Dubash and Bramany, Communicating y^e^ Complaints made by the R^t^: Hono^ble^: Comp^a^: to them, who Jointly Affirmed y^t^: w^t^: goods were Received into y^e^ ffactory y^t^: year, were sorted by M^r^: Wales &c^a^: Council, and beleived by them to have Answered Must^r^: wee have allsoe Examined the Invoice Booke, and find the Golcondah Betteelaes charged as usuall att Pag^s^: 3: 6 fan^ms^: ℔pe^s^: but find noe Cummums sorted y^t^: year in this ffactory or ever sent home from hence, till some upon the Beaufort.

Wee have p^d^: our Merch^ts^: Pago^s^: 12000 part of y^e^ Debt owing to them by y^e^ R^t^: Hono^ble^: Comp^a^: Endorsing the same on the backside of their Bill ℔^r^suant to y^r^: orders in A Generall Dated the 30^th^: past as likewise used our uttmost Endeavours to bring them to Advance to our R^t^: Hono^ble^: Masters Pag^s^: 20000 in goods but cannot worke upon y^m^: to Consent, unless orders from yo^r^: Hono^d^: selves to build a ffactory, complaining y^t^: they have sustained great damages for want of Goedowne Room wee then told them, that need not now be an Excuse, for rather then they should want conveniency, wee would spare y^m^: y^e^ seconds Apartment for their use, till could provide a fitter place, to w^ch^: they replyed as an Evasion, y^t^: as yett they did not know w^t^: goods were to be provided having not Rec^d^: y^e^ list from Metchlepa^m^:, it was told y^m^: that wee would, (as did) Immediately send for y^e^ list att y^e^ Recep^t^: of w^ch^: they promis'd to Attend, and discourse us but would not now be brought to consent to any Advance tho' belive att last shall meet with little Encour[a]gem^t^: from y^m^: unless orders for building or laying y^e^ Foundation for A ffactory, w^t^: may be done in this Affair our best of diligence shall never be wanting for y^e^: promoting of o^r^: R^t^: Hono^ble^: Masters Interest.

Wee have Advices by y^e^ Peons kept att Dowrampate that Charles Price in great Disgust is sayled from thence without Contracting for any goods but where design'd have noe certain newes.

The Cheife & Council went y^e^ 29^th^: Curr^t^: to visitt Hydra Cawn this Town Governour as usuall upon A Cheifs first settling here where wee were Rec^d^: with many offers of kindnesses, and Civility, he promising to continue his Assistance to us in y^e^ Expediting of y^e^ R^t^: Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: concerns to the uttmost of his power, w^ch^: wee took (as presume 'twas) given only as a Complym^t^: well knowing how his Avaritious designes tended, not then mẽconing to him any thing Relating to y^e^ Interlop^r^: being Assured they were Sayled, for fear he should have replyed, y^t^: he had turned them away upõn our Accompt, and by y^t^: pretence Expect a large gratuity w^ch^: with tenders of our most humble services is what att present offers from

Hono^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:
Yo^r^: most Obed^t^: humble serv^t^[s]:

Richard Brereton.
Will^m^: Shales.

P.S. Upon close hereof wee heard of A flying Report y^t^: y^e^ Interlop^r^: was Returned to Dowrampate, and y^t^: yo^r^: Hon^r^: &c^a^: may know y^e^ truth of it have Ordered the Peons y^t^: brings this to Enquire if so and Acquaint you.

Id.
R: B.
W: S.

To the Honoble Wm: Gyfford Esqr.,
Presidt: &ca: Council In Fort St: George.

Conimeer 7 ber: the 10th: 1685.

Honoble: Sr: &ca:

Gopall Punditt both before by letters and att his coming to this place, being Extreamely Importunate wth: the Cheif to Accompany him to the Fort, wee made A shift to Excuse it when he [came] and on Munday morning he went away from this place very well sattisfied but yesterday night wee Recd: yor: genll: of ye 7th Inst: and ye Cheif another from Gop[a]ll Punditt Dated from Sadraspatam, signifying to him that since your Honr: &ca: had given him leave to Accompany him, he hoped that now he should not having any further Refusall, and considering ye Design of your genll: which was to oblige him, the Cheif had given order Immediately to gett things in a Readiness for his Journey the next morning, when in less then half an hour after, our Avaldar here sent word that he had a mind to goe to the Fort likewise, this gave us a cause to suspect (wch: was likewise our opinions before yt: it would) that the Cheifs soe sudden going would Alarm our Governmt: Especially since wee understood that Gopall Punditts Design of going up to the Camp is to stand a brush with Vittulapille to Exempt himselfe from his subordinacy to carry therefore an Equall hand between ym: and not to give occasion of offence to our government, wch: as yett continues superiour, 'twas order'd that Sampson to gratify Gopall Punditt, as being his old Acquaintance (it being likewise his desire) should Attend him to the Fort, Gop[a]ll Punditt having a great Confidence in him, & yt: likewise he should Excuse ye Cheif to him for not coming himselfe, wee having furnished him with pretences sufficient to sattisfie him which to confirm ye better was likewise sent him in A Letter, and this wth: Sam[p]sons prudent management, upon which wee have given him Instructions, will wee belive content, and Amuse him, and this Advantage wee have gain'd that the Cheif this morning Recd: thanks and commendacons from our Avaldar for desisting from his Journey. These two great men Vittulapille, and Gopall Punditt, ye one to preserve the other to put him by ye Imployment are become Enemy's, his design therefore of coming to the Fort is certainly to borrow money in order to the furthering of his Affairs, yt: he may ye: better shake off this uneasie yoak, what ye Event will be God knowes, wee have done our duty in Advising you of what wee have heard, and leave the rest to your most prudent and wiser Consideracon, Sampson will give you more perticular information concerning this business to whome you may please to be refer'd.

Wee are not Able to follow your orders concerning ye: provision of Rice for there is not sufficient procura[ble] to sustain this small towne, and truely as it looks something like one allready, if God Allmighty is not pleased to send some Rain, wee shall most Certainly have A Famine.

Wee having not more to add att prest: saving yt: wee are

Honoble: Sr: &ca:
Your most humble servt[s]:
John Willcox.
Richd: Milton.

P. S. Wee have ordered Sampson to perswaide Gop[a]ll Punditt to dismiss some of his Troop and to Reduce them to ye number you mention & to make use of your Arguments.

J: W.
R: M.

VIZAGAPATAM AUGST: 25TH: 1685.

TO THE HONO^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT &C^{A}: COUNCIL.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Wee have now to Acquaint you of y^{e} Chandos her Importing here and Agreeable to your Directions in A Genll to the Cheif and Council of Metchlepatam Coppy whereof was Remitted us with Pago^{s}: 2000 have dispatched her to the Bay, with what provisions of all sorts procurable att this place the 22^{d}: Instant; and likewise Cap^{t}: Bonnell for himselfe and son much to his sattisfaction, notwithstanding y^{e} great noise has lately been of an Intended warr upon these parts, have gott in the full of our Investment, which have the Confidence to hope will prove greatly to content our merchants having performed beyond Expectation, considering y^{e} unsettled posture of the Countrey and scarsity of Cotten, w^{ch}: is a mighty Inducement to us to belive they will doe something Considerable for A Latter Investment now, they are not divided into parties by the Removall of some disaffected ꝑ^{r}sons and our good Correspondence with the government, wherin Indeed our Interest somewhat declines, by not supplying his Excellency with powder and Lead, According to Assurance often given soe Early Expected which he is now doubtfull of by the Chandoss, coming in wth: out pleasuring him therin but wee still Encourage him to belive we shall in a few dayes furnish him to his great sattisfaction, the Assurance wee gave him upon this score was not done highly but upon his Importunate Request being soe very urgent y^{t}: he would Receive noe deniall and considering our good Correspondence and the Advantage of disposing such Commodity's to the Comp^{as}: benefitt, wee doubt not but you will be pleased to Enable us to be faithfull to our promise y^{e} failour whereof will reduce our Affaires, wee fear under ill Circumstances and loss, the Advantages wee have gott of our neighbours the Dutch who are wholly Debarred the trade & all their business Imbargu'd by denying him herin which wee hope will be our good fortune by such supply to satisfie him of our good Inclinacons and Advantage of our settlement in his Countrey which is the needfull from

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your very humble serv^{ts}:
ROBERT BROWNE.
GEORGE RAMSDEN.
CHARLES FLEETWOOD.

METCHLEP^{A}: 4TH: 7^{BER}: 1685.

TO THE HONO^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R} &C^{A}: COUNCIL.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

The Ship Syam Merchant having fitted herselfe with all things necessary and in A condition to sayl, wee According to yo^{r}: order Dispatch her to you without any goods, our merchants declaring they have none in Readiness, but a great quantity att y^{e} washers, which has layn there some months, but y^{e} weather Impeeds y^{e} curing thereof and under one months time more they cannot undertake to bring them in, w^{ch}: wee look upon to be an Evasion for want of money to pay them according to Contract w^{ch}: was $\frac{2}{3}$ part upon Arrivall of y^{e}: Shipping, but if had $\frac{1}{3}$ part w^{ch}: is 10,000 Pag^{s}: to deliver y^{m}: to belive y^{e} Contrary, therefore wee think not fitt to Detain the ship any longer upon Expectation not knowing what your designes may be for her.

Her[e] Enclosed comes M^{r}: Broughs Acco^{t}: of y^{e}: Persia voyage, out of which send you 15 Chests Rose water and 15 of surrash wine, 5 Chests of Each with y^{e} small quantity of Fruit wee keep for presents and the ffactory use, understanding you are sufficiently supply'd from Gombroone, occasioned by our Genll: Letter which was Intended noe otherwise y^{n}: in case y^{e} merchants should alter their minds and be desirous to unload att that port, then said letter to be delivered y^{e} Cheif, &c^{a}: Council there and they, to have the sole management of y^{e} business,

and dispatch of the ship again and Mr: Brough nothing to doe therein, but what commanded by them, but he Ignorantly sends the letter overland from Congo which caus'd them to make that consignment to us upon the Bengall Merchts: but 'twas Intended for yor: use, soe wee hope it meets yor: Approbation, ye 4 horses wee would have sent you upon this ship, but 'tis to great a hazard of their lives being in a very poor Condiĉon wee shall not further Enlarge by this Conveyance being now Answering yor: two last. by Land to which pleas'd to be Referr'd wee humbly subscribe

Honoble: Sr: &ca:
Your most humble & obedt: servts:
R: FFREEMAN.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.
SAM: SWYNOKE.

MADAPLLM: AUGST: 31ST: 1685.

TO THE HONOBLE: WM: GYFFORD ESQR:
PRESIDENT &CA: COUNCIL.

Honoble: Sr: &ca:

According to your order in A Postcript of yours of 23th: July last, wee herewith send Mr Willcox up to Fort St: George upon the Syam Merchant, who lyes in Metchlepatam Road, wee have not yett made any contract, for this years Investment with our merchants by reason of the Indisposition of our head mercht: and some small differences, that are still uncomposed amongst themselves wee shall in a day or two more conclude or: Contract wth: ye merchts: wch: shall: then be remitted to yor: Honr: &ca: with Transcript of our Consultaĉons Dyary &ca: for part of May and ye 3 months which are last past.

Wee have pay'd for yn Pallenkeen Boys & Cooleys for ye transport of Mr: Francis Willcox, and his things to Metchlepa[ta]m, and desired Mr: Robert Freeman to lett him be supplyed with Provisions for his voyage up, amount whereof shall be Reimburs'd from us.

Wee earnestly beseech your Honor: &ca to supply us with paper, Ink, and Quills, of ye: two last wee have none, ye: paper last sent to us, soe much Damaged, that 'tis scarce serviceable for anything, wch: with our most humble services ꝑsented concludes this from

Hond: Sr: &ca
Your most humble servants
SAML: WALES.
BENJN: No[r]THEY.
CHA: FFOWNES.

TO THE HONOBLE: WM: GYFFORD ESQR
PRESIDENT & GOVERNR: OF
FORT Sr: GEORGE &CA COUNCIL.

PETTIPOLEE YE 8TH: 7BR: 1685.

Honoble: Sr: &ca:

Since our last, is come to hand two of yours of Date the 27th: and 31st: past, to wch: shall now Respond, Price upon some disgust Recd: from the merchts: weighed Anchor and sayled out of sight of land pretending his design to ye Bay but the next day returned again and sent on shore Thomas H[e]ath wth: 8 Englishmen and 8 Chests of Treasure besides severall Bales of Broadcloth and Currell with Intenĉons of making an Investment it can bring their merchants to the Companys Abatement of 13 ꝑr Cent which wee have Advices they wont Consent to.

Heath has sent to our Landlord Bobba to supply him with A state, wch: he readily complyed with sending him Drums, pipes and hornes soe yt: wee have reason to Belive they design their stay here till Prices Return from the Bay therefore can doe att present noe more yn: Dayly Inspect their proceedings, and Remitt

up Advices to y^{e}: Hono^{r}: &c^{a}: Hydra Cawne giving them all Encouragement to proceed in hopes of reaping A considerable gratuity from them, giving out, that they shall gratify him this year, tho' y^{e} merchants did it last, have by Letter Advised him, how Ill yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: Resents his proceedings withall y^{t}: if he still ℔sists in countenancing these people it may be a means for y^{e} Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: to withdraw this ffactory of which not yett Received his Answer.

In ℔suance with y^{e}: Commands wee have payd the Braminy Pag^{s}: 50 Dubash 100 and Mulla 18 in full to y^{e} first of May last and shall observe y^{e} Directions as to their wages hereafter.

Wee yesterday summoned our Merc^{ts}: to Acquaint them with your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: Resolutions not to Accept of any thing less as an Abatement on their defective Cloth then what allready awarded them and y^{t}: you would not be obliged to any condic̃ons as the building of A ffactory or takeing it in any sorts of goods, but would have y^{t}: left to yo^{r}: Hon^{d}: selves after a long discourse with y^{m}: notwithstanding all y^{e} perswasions and Arguments wee could use to Inciting them thereto wee could bring them to noe further Complyance then what wee have formerly Advised you viz^{t}: y^{t}: they would Abate noe more y^{n}: y^{e}: Pago^{s}: 2000 and y^{t}: provided to you would take it in y^{e}: sorts of goods formerly menc̃oned.

Wee have Rec^{d}: the List of goods to be provided from Metchlepatam again proposed to them the Advancement of Pag^{s}: 20000 on the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Creditt to w^{ch}: they Replyed us before y^{t}: they would Advance soe much on y^{e}: Conditions ℔menc̃oned but without y^{t}: they would not consent to any thing att all.

Wee are heartily concerned o^{r}: Endeavours prove so Unsuccessfull after having brought them to soe near a complyance hoping your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: will not Impute it to o^{r}: ill mannagement.

Herewith goes Coppys of the Gen^{ll}: Books Letter C for England and for the ffort w^{ch}: wth: tenders of our most humble services concludes these from

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most obed^{t}: servants
RICH: BREERETON.
WILL^{M}: SHALES.

P. S.

Just now came Advices y^{t}: Heath was entertain'd by Hydra Cawne last night, but what Occurence passed is not yett come to our knowledge.

Here [. . .] a Report y^{t}: Price and y^{e} Merchants before his going to the Bay [ha]d many Differencys about the Abatem^{t} of 13 ℔Cent y^{e} which as wee are Credibly Advised is not yett Reconcil'd, occasion'd by one Tallagura [P]aupa going on board ship and Contracting with him in the others names but contrary to their consents to make the abatement but att his Return ashore, when the other merch^{ts}: had und^{r}: stood his proceedings flew off, and left only Paupa with Heath, y^{e} Rest obliging themselves under a penallty not to be concerned wth: soe y^{t} att present Heath Acts nothing.

Id^{m}:
RICH: BREERETON.
WM: SHALES.

To THE HONO^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCIL.

COODALOORE SEPT: 14TH 1685.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Wee Rec^{d}: yours of the 21st: 25th: past & 2^{d} & 7th: Currant, to the needfull of w^{ch}: shall now Respectfully reply.

Wee observe your dissatisfaction as to the Kempthorns proceeding for Acheen with soe pitifull a ffreight as advised, w^{ch}: Indeed was not worth Embracing if shee could have been Employed otherwise, but hope you will not Impute y^{t}: to any

fault of ours, having never given you any Encouragement for sending her, till you advised your resolucon and ordered to Endeavour y^e^ procuring a ffreight for her, for w^ch^: you sayd, you had Encouragement from privat hands, who Indeed ought to have been soe cautious as not to have made greater proposalls then they have been able to perform, and ought to have taken our advice in y^e^ matter, y^t^: soe if wee Could have had good security for it it might have been proposed to you for your Acceptance, but since other measures have been, & things Answer not your Expectations, those y^t^: gave you the Encouragement, are Justly blamable; but since you were pleased afterwards to order y^e^ management of the business to us, wee did what lay in our power to Effect it.

Wee never designed to present y^e^ Subidar for obtayning a ffreight and other previledges Requisite to our settlement till wee saw noe probability of obtayning them without, being sensible of the Ill President, but rather then to be disappointed thought that the best way, knowing him to be soe greedy of money, y^t^: it will oblige him to doe anything to his power but since you dissaprove thereof shall never more Attempt any such thing and humbly desire you will prevent the occasion, by sending us noe shipps upon any ꝑticuler advice, but upon Assurance y^t^: shall be given you in Gen^ll^: when there will be noe danger of dissappointment, and as oppertunity shall present shall not omitt to advise, and tware much better y^t^: the merchants request y^e^: favour of us, rather y^n^: wee of them for y^n^: wee can make our Advantage accordingly otherwise, they theirs, as they have now don and twas not to be thought y^t^: wee could turn y^e^ business upon them of treating with y^e^ subidar, when they were Averse to it, which wee were forced to, to oblige them and wee have found by long Experience y^t^: there is noe obligation to be layed on these people by fair language and Intreating, then to be Requited in y^e^ same strain, for all you can doe or say will never Convince y^m^: y^t^: 'tis for their, but yo^r^: own Interest, and further y^n^ they find it Conducing to theirs, will find a hundred Invasions not to gratify you in, for could anything be gain'd by playing y^e^: honest Hipocrite for y^e^ Interest of our masters, thinke is noe sin against God Allmighty being Commanded to make the greatest use wee can of our talens in an honest way.

Had y^e^ ship been with us when your order arrived, and wee had been under noe obligacons to y^e^ ffreighters should certainly have dispatched her towards you: you will find by y^e^ Acco^t^: of Cash for the last month, y^t^: both the Pago^s^: 1000 Remitted y^e^ [29] July and the 12000: Pago^s^: by M^r^: Pitt you have Creditted for, and tho' possibly it might slip our memory to [own] Receipt of y^e^ former in our letters, yett did not y^e^ latter, and shall be carefull for the future to own in our letters y^e^ Receipt of as much as you shall please to send, of which never more occasion.

According to yo^r^: orders have deliver'd M^r^: Pitt and M^r^: Coustable their Instructions and papers for Acheen.

As for M^r^: Cawleys Excuse for himselfe must leave you to be Judges of y^t^:, and thinke their is little of Reason y^t^: we should be sharers in his fault for y^e^ Reason aforesaid, and having endeavour[ed] to Retrive w^t^: possible.

Wee are sorry to hear of y^e^ distractions of our R^t^: Hono^ble^: Employers affaires in y^e^ Bay: but hope 'twill please God to order things y^t^: they will concurr for their Interest.

Wee have not been unmindfull of Acquainting the Subidar y^e^ great disobligation 'twas to us to break his promise by giving the Interlopers an Invitation from Trincombar, being under obligacon to y^e^ contrary and how ill it would be resented by you, w^ch^: he denyed, pretending his Hipocriticall zeal for y^e^ R^t^: Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: Affaires, and discountenancing their Advasaryes: But wee are sensible his Treacherous heart, y^t^: he would decline noe oppertunity of prejudicing y^m^: to serve himselfe however shall give him noe Occasion for it y^t^: if he does, wee may have Justice on our sides to Redress our selves, tho' truly to serve him in his kind is noe more y^n^: he deserves; but must weigh y^e^ Inconveniency with the conveniency, The Peon you advised of hath been payd his wages for the time of his stay with you.

The Pag^{s}: 1000 sent to be Invested in Rice, have Rec^{d}: and Imediately dispatched Pag^{s}: 500 of it for Coracall to be Invested as soon as possible ordering to Advise what more they could Invest in time to be sent you before the breaking up of the Monsoon and it should be sent them, but not to provide more then they could find conveyance for, if y^{t}: sloop arrives in time and y^{e} Rice can be gott, shee with more vessells shall be laden on y^{e}: sloop, The Difference between y^{e}: Acc^{t}: last sent you and y^{e}: former is thus, y^{e} Amount of the goods since Rec^{d}: and ready to be Rec^{d}: for y^{e} concluding our Investments here, and att Porto Novo which shall be done as soon as y^{e} Kempthorne is dispatched, w^{ch}: hope will be speedily, if wee can but oblige y^{e} merchants to hasten of their goods, y^{e} ship Arriving att Porto Novo the 12th: Instant and have according to Calculation on board her 540 Tun of Rice, which is as much as shee is able to carry, reserving Room for y^{e} Bale goods, and hope y^{e} Rice may turn to Acc^{t}: wee were forced to compleat her laden with it for want of Bailes, and doe Intend (God willing) as soon as y^{e} goods are shipped off from hence to proceed for Porto Novo to hasten y^{e} dispatch of y^{e} ship wee hope you will not be unmindfull of remitting us the money desired [us] in our last for y^{e} clearing our obligac̃ons for y^{e} last year, and allsoe ordering what you shall please to have provided for this year, y^{t}: soe provision may be made Accordingly.

It is true, wee never Advised you of any new Contract made neither have wee presum'd to doe any such thing, Excepting contracting for y^{e} Pag^{s}: 5000 remitted in March to be Invested in course goods, which formerly noted in our Dyary, and as for our merchants Complying noe better it can be Imputed to nothing else y^{n}: y^{e}: want of money, for if you please to supply y^{m}: with y^{t}:, you may have what quantity of goods you please, According to Agreement, but if wee performe not our Contract with them they are y^{e} more Excusable in what they shall be wanting in theirs, for if you please to Consider y^{e} money wee now owe y^{m}: for Compleating the last years Investment, and y^{t}: y^{e} goods are all rec^{d}:, and ready to be Rec^{d}: wee hope you may Esteem them serviceable to our Hono^{ble}: Employers, 'tis true y^{e} Porto Novo Merchants have had our money without goods, and therefore as you say but reason they should now take our goods without money, but this is such reason as they will never be obliged, nor taught to understand having not been obliged to by Contract, w^{ch}: is what they stand upon, and you cannot but be sensible by our often Repeated Endeavours to oblige them thereto, that wee have not been wanting on o^{r} parts to gratifie your desires therein, But Indeed & Indeed 'tis never to be Expected wee should dispose of them without a good sum̃e of money y^{e} great [est] part of what sold y^{e} last year lying Undisposed off, therefore if it may stand with your Conveniency think it would be money well bestowed to help them off before A greater supply came when wee shall never be Able to sell them, and they will be very much Damaged by lying the worme breeding in them, notwithstanding all care to prevent it, our Merchants here have had a full proporc̃on of goods, and not to be obliged to take any thing more without a proporc̃on of money, we shall att this time as att all other times wee have done serve our R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Employers[to]our power and do assure you y^{t}: for compleating the last yeares Investments, wee were forced to supply the merchants wth: our owne Estates att Interest, w^{ch}: to this day are not Reimbursed of and able to doe noe more, wee are sensible how much you are straitned for money and should not urge a supply could wee possibly avoyd it must therefore leave it to youre Consideration to supply us with what you shall Judge absolutely necessary for y^{e} carrying on our Affaires having formerly offered you our opinion.

Wee have Rec^{d}: what Advices sent us of the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: which shall fully ꝑsue when a little att Leasure.

Wee must needs Reminde you again of supplying us with further Assistance for wee doe assure you[r] business is soe heavy upon us y^{t}: wee are not able to goe through with it, therefore hope if any Omission be (w^{ch}: shall prevent to our power) 'twill not be Imputed to any neglect of ours; M^{r}: Cawley hath requested us to Acquaint you y^{t}: by reason of his Indisposition he is Incapacitated to Keep y^{e}

generall Books, and y^{t}: there is nothing don therin to this day therefore desire you will please to send some person well quallified for y^{t}: Employment, and other Assistance Herewith Remitt you Dyary & Consultacons for the last month to which Desire you will please to be Referr'd which is the needfull att present from

Hono^{d}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most humble & obed^{t}: serv^{ts}:
JN^{o}: DAVIS.
RALPH INGRAM.

TO THE HONO^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD
ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT &C^{A} COUNCIL.

MADAPOLLAM 7TH: SEP^{BR}: 1685.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Wee have now before us two of your Gen^{ll}: Letters baring date the 23^{d} July & 10 August last whereto wee should have sooner given Answer, but that the delayes of y^{e} merch^{ts}: occasioned by Disputes amonge themselves have prevented us.

The Charges upon the silver sent last year according to your Advice being Pago^{s}: 50 more then what Acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: Fort S^{t}: George is Creditted for, shall in this years books be Charged to y^{e} Creditt of y^{t}: Acco^{t}:

Wee have Advised with both Pendecon Anco, and Sancho Narso concerning timbers for the Sugar Mills att s^{t}: Hellena, who tell us y^{t}: they are not to be had in the Teake Tymber Countrey, but y^{t}: att Vizagapatam and parts Adjacent, there are Tymbers of hard and heavy wood of the Dimentions Required.

John De Marcora has frequently been put in mind of your Assurance of A kind wellcome whensoever he shall Repair to the ffort to Inhabit.

Wee Intreat you will please to be Referr'd to Kitte Narran for an Accompt of what he hath don towards the Adjusting of the merch^{ts}: Acco^{t}: and composing the differences amongst them, [which] to outward Appearance seem to be wholly reconcil'd as allsoe their Complaints against the Bramany an[d] Duebash are att an End by payment of Pago^{s}: 400 w^{ch}: was money borrowed of them and by their Cancelling the petition of Complaint to yo^{r}: Hono^{r}: &c^{a} and they allsoe declare y^{t}: they have noe shares with them in Trade.

The Merchants have a Considerable quantity of goods att the washers, and in the Goedowns the curing of w^{ch}: has been very much hindered by the Continuall violent blowing of the land winds all the ℔ceeding months however wee doubt not wee have in Readiness to y^{e} Amount of Pago^{s}: 14500 whensoever you shall be pleased to send for it.

The Treasure and goods sent upon y^{e} Chandos Amounting ℔ Invoice to Pago^{s}: 2 731 : $\frac{fa}{32}$:, wee have Rec^{d}: into the ffactory, and of the Treasure wee have pay'd the Merch^{ts}: Pago^{s} 7801 : $\frac{fa}{16}$: being the amount of y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: debt to them (the Interest of 9 ℔ C^{t}: ℔ Añn : being Included for y^{e} goods they Creditted the last yeare, and wee have pay'd them Pago^{s}: 10,000 upon w^{ch}: they will contract to bring in noe more then Pag^{s}: 15,000 in goods w^{ch}: added to their Joynt stock money makes 25,500 Pag^{s}: wee pressed them to a higher Contract but could not prevaile wth: y^{m}: and likewise wee propounded that would Advance more upon Creditt as they did last year, which wee could not bring them too, because the other poor merchants as they tell us, declare they will have a share in whatsoever goods they Creditt the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: for tho' they disburse not a Pagoda toward the provision of y^{e}: same, Wee have very much urged them Especially Collipelle Narso, Golapere Chitte and Sancho Narso who are y^{e} Rich and substantiall men to make a promise to us to bring in goods of Each sort upon Creditt to the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: and have given them Assurance y^{t}: wee would pass bills to Each man for soe much as he shall bring in, in the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: name, and under their Seale, for payment thereof with Interest of 9 ℔ Cent ℔ Añum att the Arrivall of next years shipps, whereto wee

cannot obtain their Consent att present but shall Endeavour to Effect, if possible.

The sloop w^ch^: you order'd to be built of 120 or 130 Tons is began by Sancho Narso towards carrying on of which, wee have ordered in our Consultation to pay him 500 Pag^s^: but 'tis not as yett payd, the Reason is because y^e^ Cash is low y^e^ Ballance of last months Acco^t^ of Cash being 11[3]58 Pag^s^: 20^fa^: wee have pay'd out of it Pag^s^: 10,000 to the Merch^ts^: and 400 pag^s^: for ffactory Expences, soe y^t^: wee have no more then 958 pag^s^: Left to bear the ffactory Charges and to pay y^e^ Bramany and Dubash their sallarys, which they Earnestly crave of us wherefore wee humbly entreat the George being arrived you will be pleas'd to supply us with more money for Enlarging the Investment if you think good, and for defraying y^e^ ffactory Expences.

The Merchants will not be perswaided to take of y^e^ Europe goods sent downe being all broad cloth, they demanding Scarlett, Lead, Copper plates, and other Europe goods and have neare 100 pag^s^ of last yeares Broadcloth on their hands which they have shewed to us which is noted in Dyary of y^e^ 24^th^: last month and in Consultacon of the 3^d^: Instant which wee humbly offer to yo^r^: Hono^rs^: &c^a^ Consideracon they desiring Relife herin.

The 11^th^: Instant M^r^: Richard Brereton went to take charge of Pettipolee ffactory, Thomas Wright, writer, is arrived here from thence, and Francis Willcox is gon to Metchlepatam to take his passage upon y^e^ Syam Merchant for ffort S^t^: George.

By this Conveyance wee have sent Transcript of our Consultations Dyary and Acco^t^: of Cash from the 16^th^: May to y^e^ 4^th^ Currant, alsoe y^e^ stewards Accompt of ffactory Expences for y^e^ 4 last months.

Yo^r^: Hon^rs^: &c^a^: Generall of y^e^ 10^th^ August is replyed to in y^e^ aforegoing Paragraphs. The Interloper you advise to be Arrived att Trinckombar wee hear has been att Durampate, and is gon from thence to Bengall if he should come here, wee shall Endeavour if possible to frustrate his designe without spending money as you direct.

Out of the money Remaining in Cash wee have Cotton, Wax &c^a^: packing stuff to provide besides 80 or 160 Candys of Gramm, such as was sent ♆ sloop Mary ordered in yo^r^ Gen^ll^: of the 28^th^: Decemb^r^: last, w^ch^: w^th^: out a farther supply of money, wee shall not be Able to provide, Wee have noe more to add save the Tender of our most humble services presented from

Hono^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:
Your most humble servants

SAM^L^: WALES.
BENJA^N^: NORTHEY.
CHARLES FFOWNES.

HUGLY: 29^TH^: AUG^ST^; 1685.

To THE HONO^BLE^: W^M^: GYFFORD ESQ^R^: GOVERN^R^: OF FORT S^T^: GEORGE & CITTY OF MADRAS PRESIDENT &C^A^: COUNCIL FOR AFFAIRES OF Y^E^ R^T^: HONO^BLE^: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^A^: ON THE COAST OF CORMANDELL BAY OF BENGALL &C^A^:

Hono^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

The sad occasion of these is to Acquaint your Hon^r^: &c^a^: y^t^ it hath pleased Allmighty God to take from us Agent Beard, who having layd sick of the bloody Floox near two months, and soe Ill the greatest part of the time, y^t^ he could Attend noe business Dyed yesterday att noon, and was Interred this day. God prepare us all for Death.

Wee sent notice of Agent Beards death the same day to M^r^: Job Charnock Chief of Cassimbuzar desiring him to repair hither as the person Appointed to succeed in this Agency, by y^e^ R^t^: Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: Gene^ll^: to the Bay Dated y^e^ 21 Decemb^r^ 1683 and their Commission to yo^r^: Hon^r^: dated 29^th^: ditto.

Our last your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: was of 15 June last by Patamer which was in answer to yours of 20th: & 28th: Aprill (by M^{r}: Littleton) and gave A particular Acco^{tt}: of y^{e} Troubles y^{e} present Governour of Hugly had then given us, by Beseeging our ffactory, and putting a Gen^{ll}: stop upon all the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Business here Coppy whereof comes herewith, since w^{ch}: none from your Hono^{r}: &c^{a}.

This comes by y^{e} Borneo Merchant M^{r}: Bowrye Master A private ship bound for yo^{r}: parts, w^{ch}: now lyes att Ballasore ready to sayle the owner whereof being here is Just sending downe orders for her Immediate dispatch and having had no notice of the oppertunity beforehand wee have noe time to give your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: a particular Narrative of what hath happened since our last; For y^{e} present please to accept the following Gen^{ll}: Account.

Our ffactory has been beseeged with Souldiers & Peons to this day, tho' of late they have not used us soe hard as formerly, all trade and business continues stoped, soe as that for more then 3 months past wee have not had liberty to buy or sell, to land or ship of any thing, the Governour peremptorily Insisting upon our signing some of those Articles menc̃oned in our last and is Resolved in his proceedings, y^{t}: tho' on y^{e} 24th Instant wee Rec^{d} a Perwanna from the Nabob for clearing our busines and on 19th: one from the Kings Duan to second the nabobs, yett the Govern^{r}: upon the tender thereof to him Declared he would neither see nor obey them, unless wee would sign his Articles, nor would he ever Admitt either one of our selves be our Vaqueel, to discourse with him, on the 18th: Ins^{t}: wee sent an Acco^{t}: hereof to M^{r}: Pownset &c^{a}: att Dacca, and an Arsdust to the Nabob complaining of the Govern^{rs}: Refusall to obey his Perwanna, and ordered them to procure a Jessoal or messenger from the Nabob to Inforce the govern^{r}: into obedience, But not Expecting wee could have any further Answer from thence in less then 3 weekes time, and being sensible of how great Importance for this year's Investment, twas to save so much time, and to procure the Govern^{rs}: Friendship for the future, wee willing hearkened to A proposall y^{t}: was made by some that pretended to mediate, and offered Abdulgunny money to the vallue of 3000 Rup^{s}: but y^{e} Result of it was, y^{t}: he sayd if wee would give him a Lack of Rup^{s}: he would not be friends unless wee would signe his Articles, tho the pretended mediators tell us, tis only A greater sum̃e y^{t}: is Expected, and that 8000 Rs. will doe: Concerning which wee cannot undertake to Determine till the Agents Arrivall. They would still leade us on with dayly hopes of A speedy Accomodac̃on but wee see little Reason to Expect it, and Indeed (it having been publickly declared in the Durbar y^{t}: y^{e} money Expected of us is Intended for the Nabob) wee fear least the Nabob (whatever the Perwanna he sent us may say) may give the Govern^{r}: private Encouragement and orders for these his proceedings, otherwise wee cannot think he would dare to persist in his disobedience to the Nabobs and Duan's Perwannas, nor can wee give any Judgement of what the Issue may be, till wee Receive Answer from Dacca.

Supposing y^{e}: best, wee must be forced to buy all the goods wee provide this yeare with ready money, having yett sent up noe Treasure to the mint, and y^{e} coining of y^{t}: will take up soe much time, that there will not be Enough left for giving out money in any ffactory, nor are there any goods provided in any of the Factories (besides y^{e} last yeares Remains) nor money, nor orders for buying, sent to any of them Except Ballasore (that being somew^{t}: a distinct Governm^{t}: and lying more conveniently for shipping off goods in case any new Troubles should arrise att y^{e} time for Laden which wee have furnished with twelve Chests of Dollers (besides goods to A considerable vallue) and ordered them to Recive five more out of the next ship, and to goe about buying up goods as fast as they can.

The Countrey wee are Informed is full of goods, and hope if the stopp upon our business do's not Continue to long and there come noe Interlopers wee shall be able, to procure as much as wee shall Have money to Invest our great Difficulty will be to gett sugars Enough for Persia y^{t}: Commodity being much Ingrossed, as wee are Informed in the hands of such Merchants, as knowing the

R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: has occasion for sugar and y^{t}: there are allsoe 4 or five Suratt shipps to Lade with the same will sell to them y^{t}: bid most and will know how to make their Marketts of us both.

This day wee Rec^{d}: a Generall from Surat Dated 26th June last, via Pattana, Advising the Arrivall of his Maj^{ties} Frigatt the [P]hœnix and the Prudent Mary att Bombay. The former having taken two Interlopers in the way one of w^{ch}: (the Bristoll foundred in the sea, the men saved).

The Shrewsbury Cap^{t}: W^{m}: Talbott Command^{r}: arrived in Ballasore Road the 7th: past & att Hugly the 22^{d}: ditto who brought a short Gen^{ll}: from the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Dated 26 Novemb^{r}: 1634 (only giving Acco^{t}: of severall persons sent in their service by the Chando[i]s) but noe Treasure nor goods, Cap^{t}: Talbot Dyed here y^{e} 5th Inst.)

To our great Trouble wee heare nothing of the Chandois but are in Dayly Expectacon of her Arrivall, and hope y^{n}: to Receive such orders [from] your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: as are necessary for our direction in the R^{t}: Hono^{ble} Comp^{as}: business after which yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: may Expect a more particuler Acco^{t}: of their Affaires here.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most humble serv^{ts}:

FFRANCIS ELLIS.
SAM^{L}: GRIFFITH.
RIC: TRENCHFEILD.
THO: LEY.
EDW: OXBOROUGH.

BALLASORE 7TH SEPT^{BR}: 1685.

TO THE R^{T}: HONO^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD
ESQ^{R} PRESID^{T}: &C^{A}: COUNCIL ATT FORT S^{T}: GEORGE
FOR THE AFFAIRES OF THE R^{T}: HONO^{BLE}: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{A}:

Gentlemen Salut.

After perusall of your letters wee find to owe Answer to yours of the 5th March 168$\frac{4}{5}$ and meeting with this oppertunity of Cap^{t}: Bowrey for the Coast it is thought needfull to Answer it, wee send likewise by this Conveyance a Pacquett with letters from Hugly of the Council there, y^{e} Agent being dead, pray God prepare us all for our Change it is a sickly time att present here, there dyed out our ffactory here last month, viz^{t}: 8th Leonard Bray on 9th: Benja^{n}: Planner on 12th: M^{rs} Rebecka Oughton.

Wee are glad to heare you found goods to compleat the Lading of y^{e} shipps, Rochester & Beaufort from the coast wee perceive The scrupel Cap^{t}: Nicholson, made in signing too bills of Laden without his Exceptions underneath them, as to Ballasore goods it is in a manner not well possible, when goods are ship'd of from hence in such a hurry as them were to prevent mistakes by reason the [Purgoes] men must take any Receipts them from aboard the ships give them all the Imaginable care shall be taken for the future, in shipping of goods to prevent mistakes in any such nature, Either by the Purgoes people, or our sloop people, and likewise it shall be observed after monsoons are over to be shipping of aboard y^{e} Europe ships such Bailes as wee have ready as will make up a Loaden for such vessells or sloops, as wee shall have Ready with our Investm^{t}: from hence this year our Endeavours shall not be wanting to forward our merchants as much as lay in us, on 30th: August Arrived in this Road y^{e} Chandois and on 5th: Ins^{t} the George Cap^{t}:

Earning, soe concluding for the Pres^{t}: wth: all submission subscribing our selves to bee and soe desiring to Remain

Your ffriends & servants
W^{M}: FITTZ HUGH.
W^{M}: PRICKMAN.
HENRY STANLEY.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

M^{r} Samuel Potts the Bearer hereof was designed for Syam to Recover his particular Debts to sattisfie his obligacon to y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}:, but meeting here in Acheen advise y^{t}: his presence will be in noe measure Acceptable but rather likely to ruin o^{r}: Interest of settling there, wee have endeavoured and Effectuall perswaided him to Attend yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: &c^{a}: for your more Effectuall orders, Relating to him, wee have soe farr observed the President & Councils ord^{rs}: of Surat as to secure 150 [T]aile of his demands in M^{r}: Mohuns hands by way of Attachment w^{ch}: is promised to be Transfered to yo^{r}: Hono^{r}: with our submiss-[ive] and Really obedient desires of Aspireing.

Ship Phaulkon in Acheen
Roade y^{e} 8th: July 1685.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most obedient observ^{t}: serv^{ts}:
ROBERT HARBIN.
DANIELL GYFFORD.
THO: YALE.

TO THE HONO^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}
PRESIDENT & GOVERNO^{R}: OF FORT S^{T} GEORGE &C^{A}: COUNCIL.

PETTIPOLEE 22^{D} SEPT^{BR}: 1685.

Hon'oble S^{r} &c^{a}:

Our last to you was of the 8th: Curr^{t}: wherin Advised (soe far as gained notice) y^{e} proceedings of Heath with our Towne Govern^{r}: as allsoe the Difference between Price and his merch^{ts}: y^{e} which is not yett Reconciled, tho' Heath Ever since has been with Hydra Cawne using his Endeavours to oblige him to perswaid the discontented merchants to Comply with the Contract of 13 ℔ Cent made betweene Price and Gallagura Paupa, but to little purpose, unless he will consent to gratifie his Extorting and Avaritious demands by paying him Pag^{s}: 15,000 w^{ch}: sume Heath has Refused to pay Hydra Cawne upon his denyall sent him to an out Choultrey in Towne garded by Rashpoots and peons, threatning y^{t}: unless he will consent to Allow, what demanded he would never Release him, Heath Returned he might use his pleasure, but for y^{e} payment of y^{t} sume he neither could, nor would condescend too tho never soe Rigorously Intreated, the Govern^{r}: then sent him word by his Dubash, y^{t}: if he would Contract with the Merch^{ts}: as last year he then would Tasheriffe and dismiss him otherwise detaine him, till he had made good the Damages y^{e} merchants sustained by the past yeares trade, which [to] Effect he would Immediately write up to Golcondah for y^{e} Divans people to come downe and seize him with w^{t}: he had ashore, till y^{e} merchants in Every point were satisfied; Heath upon Hydra Cawnes severe proceedings with him, dispatches Pattamarrs to the Bay, as likewise sent offers to him, y^{t}: he was content to agree to the 4℔ Cent Abatement provided he might obtain his Liberty, and proceed on with their business as formerly, upon w^{ch}: the Govern^{r}: demanded of Heath where the last yeares Agreement was, who answered in the Custody of Abberas Vencaty Kisiner, he then ordered y^{e} sending for it y^{t}: he might have y^{e} ℔usall.

Since is come Advices y^{t}: Heath yesterday upon the paying Hydra Cawne 12½ Maund of silver was Tasheriffed and dismissed, but upon what other termes cannot as yett certainly learne.

Wee In obedience to yo^{r}: commands sent to Hydra Cawne signifying to him yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: displeasure of his being Assistant to the Interlopers, considering

the large sume he Rec^{d}: last year upon Acco^{tt}: of turning them out his Government and how little he had performed on his part, he sent Answer y^{t}: he did all y^{t}: lay in his power to obstruct them while they had noe Phirmaund, but since they had obtayn'd one from the King he could not now give them any trouble unless yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: would please to write up to court and gett their Phirmand repealed, y^{n}: wee should see his readiness in Expelling them his Government and as for Removing the Factory he could not prevent if it was youre pleasures soe to doe (tho' sure he was) had ever been forward to Afford his uttmost Assistance for our R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Masters Interest.

Our Merchants still continue obstinate and Averse in Allowing w^{t}: Awarded them to pay for their defective cloth as well as Creditting the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: with goods tho' our Dayly Endeavours and Indifatigable diligence has been Exerted, to oblige them to a Complyance w^{ch}: wth: Tenders of our most humble services Concludes these from

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most obedient servants
RICH: BRERETON.
WILL^{M}: SHALES.

To THE HONO^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}
PRESID^{T}: AND GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCIL.

COODALOOR 7^{BER}: 28: 1685.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

This Accompanys list of ship Kempthorne Cargoe for Acheen to w^{ch}: desire you will be pleased to be Referr'd who sayled the 26th Instant in the morning as deep as shee could swime to whome a good voyage.

M^{r}: Loe Arrived this Day as soon as wee shall know your pleasure concerning him it shall be punctually observed, what Material in our Affairs Advised ℔ our last, to which desire you w[i]ll please to be Referred, w^{ch}: is what offers att present from

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most humble & obedi^{t}: serv^{ts}:
JN^{O}: DAVIS.
RALPH INGRAM.

P: S: What Laden on the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Acco^{t}: in Rice amo^{t}: to about 2400 Pago^{s}:

Idem
J. D.
R. I.

PORTO NOVO SEPT^{BR}: 25TH: 1685.

Laden on board the Kempthorne Cap^{t}: John Kempthorne Commander by Gods grace bound for Acheen on ffreight for Acco^{t}: of the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: English East India Company, by us John Pitt, & Thomas Constable, the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: supercargoes on board the sayd ship, after the rate of 5 p^{r} Cent to be payd in Acheen for the following goods Viz^{t}:

	Bales.
Bayles on Acco^{t}: of the Cap^{t}: & Officers	47
Bales upon Acc^{t}: of Porto Novo Merchants	159
Bales marked E: D:	17
Ditto R: E:	6
E: P:	25
T: C:	15
G: L:	3
Rice upon ffreight 200 Pago^{s}:	272

26 Baggs of steele.

Memoš: 6 of the Porto Merchants Bales belongs to Sancrogee Pontulo, & by Mr: Davis Cheif &ca: Councils orders goe ffreight free.

Errors Excepted ℔ nos.
JOHN PITT.
THOMs: CONSTABLE.
1685.

To THE HONOBLE: WM: GYFFORD ESQR
PRESIDENT & GOVERNR: &cA: COUNCIL.

Srs:

This serves only to give you an Account yt: I have Recd: your orders from Mr: Davis for my proceeding to Acheen having Recd: on board what Rice and goods hath been tendred to mee, wch: hath made my ship very deep in the water.

I am very confident if Mr: Davis had not bestir'd himselfe Extr[a]ordinary, ye ship could not have proceeded with soe good a Cargoe, as I must call it in soe scarce a time, & hope tho' wee are a smaller ship then the Rochester, I may doe the Rt: Honoble: Compa: more service as to this affair, being very ambitious of serving ym: to my uttmost power, soe with all Dutyfull Respect take my leave and subscribe myself

Honoble: Sr: &ca:
Yor: most Faithfull & obedt: servt:
JOHN KEMPTHORNE.

THE 26TH: SEPT 1685
PORTO NOVO: SHIP KEMPTHORNE.

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To THE HONOBLE: WILLM: GYFFORD ESQR:
PRESIDENT & GOVERNR: &cA: COUNCIL.

Honoble: Sr: &ca:

Our last to you was of ye: 14th: Currt: ℔ ship Syam Merchant, but wee have still 4 of youres to answer Vizt: ye: 10: 21 and 31 August and 3d: Currt: to all wch: shall Reply, with as much brevity as is necessary.

The Generall letter for this ffactory from ye: Cheife &ca: att Gomroone wee have received, and taken notice what they had Consigned us, occasioned as wee have Rendred an Accot: in our last.

Wee have not been wanting in our Endeavours to have gotten the whole, or ℔t: of our last Contract in Readiness for the Syam Merchant, but found it Impossible.

The 2000 Pagos: was sent to Vizagapatam before yor: Contradictory order came to hand.

The Sarserguntees &ca: wch: Robt: ffreeman saw att the Fort to be of soe Ill a Chay, and offered to bring ym: back, and Return upon the merchants hands again, was not by him forgott but a scruple arose upon whose haszard they should runn wch: occasioned their Continuance.

The Coppy of our generall Books for England you have been possessed of in the month of June Another to remain by you wee now send our Consultacons letters sent & Recd: shall follow in due time.

The Advice about ye Interlopers Arrivall has been sufficiently Confirmed, and doubt not but our ffriends att Pettipolee has duely given you an Ample Accott: of their Transactions laying near and ye same government to wch: wee are great strangers, wee here by the natives yt: the ship is gon for Bengall, and Thoms: Heath remaines behinde at Dourampate, had shee put in here wee should have used our uttmost Interest to have defeated their designes but like better as 'tis.

Wee Are heartily glad to hear the Arrivall of the shipp George, as allsoe ye Interlopers being cast in England and yt: ye nation is in peace and

quiett, but Condole the Death of our late King Charles the Second of blessed memory & pray for the prosperous Raigne of his Successor which is sufficient in Answer to your first.

Yo^{r}: 2^{d} is only to Acquaint us of the R^{t}: Hono^{ble} : Comp^{as}: great Complaint against our Golcondah and Cummum Beteelaes provided in yeare 83 to w^{ch}: wee should sooner have Responded to, but y^{e} 4 of our Cheifest Merch^{ts}: belonging to the Dutch, have obsconded themselves for some time, their ffactory att Golcondah having had some Difference with Accana has put a stopp to all their business in these parts, and their people every where Abused by the Governo^{rs}: &c^{a}: but now a little moderated here, they having 2 shipps Arrived, and a new Cheif, soe all their people appears againe in statu quo, and wee have discoursed our merch^{ts}: about y^{e} Beteelaes, whose answer is they cost them more y^{n} : ever any did, occasioned by the large sums the Interlopers Issued out y^{t} : yeare and y^{t}: y^{e} goods was really soe good as muster when brown but many of y^{m}: somewhat spoiled in washing, w^{ch}: was turned upon their hands againe, and w^{t}: Rec^{d} : In, they Affirm to be good, tho' possibly not in such Esteem in England as formerly, w^{ch} : is not their faults, but there was noe mistake in the Chareing of them (as the salpacadoes) neither can wee say wee were imposed upon, but the sortment most part through M^{r}: Gresham hands, who was then warehousekeeper, w^{ch} : is all the Answer the merch^{ts}: or we can give Concerning them, and for the Ill Chayd Saserguntees y^{e} merchants will not be perswaided to Allow any abatement, but 'tis our opinion that will be the best disputed when wee gett into their debts.

Wee come now to the 5^{d} of y^{e} 31st: Augst: Robert ffreeman returnes you his best thanks for youre good wishes, and is (God be praysed) much Recovered in y^{e} Lameness of his Leggs, but his hands continue weake and benumb'd.

The 8 Rup^{s}: p^{d}: for pilotting Cap^{t}: Bonnell to Vizagapatam was provision-[al]ly, if you Approve not thereof he to Allow it againe.

Wee shall not allow our Merch^{ts}: any more Interest y^{n}: have don allready, w^{ch} : was but from the date of their bills, tho' they seeme much dissatisfied thereat, and wee think cannot Justly charge us deferring making up their Acco^{ts}:, for 'twas to the middle of February before wee had don sorting, but what they harpe upon is our former promise to them, as by order from yo^{r}: selves, wee have Acquainted y^{m}: with what you write concerning the taking off Europe good[s], w^{ch}: they seem willing [to] doe proportionable to other our neighbour ffactories att any time when the Countrey will allow a vend for it, but 'tis now in wars, and all trade att a stop, soe at this time they cannot take any, but possibly may for their last payment, if the wayes are open for transportation, but some money they must have in hand Else they can doe nothing.

The goods for our last Contract in May is now all in Readiness but they will not be ℔swaided to bring them to sorting without the payment of halfe the money downe, whereas they Expected $\frac{2}{3}$^{ds}: will now be Contented with halfe, but not less, wee have used as many Argum^{ts}: of ℔swasion as our Capacitys will reach to, but can worke noe more upon them y^{n} att these termes of $\frac{1}{2}$ money in hand they will bring in what, and as many goods as wee shall desire, att the former prices, but will heare of noe more Abatement, and this is their finall Answer; and what wee wrote you before, y^{t}: our last Contract would be Advanced by them, was meant noe otherwise then the provision of it, and y^{t}: they have done, but our Agreem^{t}: was to pay them all the money upon the Arrivall of the shipping, or att least before wee should send y^{e} goods away, and this Encouragement you gave us, not doubting of A mighty stock this yeare, and now y^{e} George is Arrived wee hope you may be soe well supplyed as to sattisfie our Engagements, and bring us off with Reputacon, for w^{ch}: some money wee doubt not, notwithstanding our Merch^{ts}: stubborness to gett y^{m}: to Creditt us beyond their proposalls but with none, nothing can be Expected nor any peece of signall service to be don our R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Masters, y^{e} w^{ch} : wee are very zealous of, but cañot worke without Tooles.

The former List deliver'd us Requires 25000 Peec^{s}. of the old sort of Romalls and 5000 of the new; 10000 of the former 2000 of the latter wee have Contracted for; att somewhat a Cheaper Rate y^{n}: former yeares; viz^{t}: the old sort att 18 P^{a}: ℔ Cor: w^{ch}: used to be att 20, and the other 26 Pa^{s}: w^{ch}: cost last yeare 30 wee are to pay ½ money in one month and y^{e} other ½ soe soon as bring y^{e} goods In which hope you will soe well approve of as to Enable us to Comply with our Contract.

The striped Beetelaes or any other sorts of new goods, you are very sensible are not [to] be procured, but with ready money, therefore for the want of w^{ch}: wee have done nothing towards the provision of them, the musters remaining still att Madapollum.

Wee shall make Tryall of our Bale Scarlett wth: our owne Merchants and others in towne and the Damage Adjudged thereon send you up in our next.

M^{r}: Broughs Acco^{t}: of y^{e} Persia Voyage wee have Allready sent you and find you misunderstood us Concerning the 89 Chests Rose water they being upon ffreight, w^{t}: upon the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Acco^{t}: is 20 Chests of Wine and 20 Rosewater 15 of Each wee sent upon ship Syam Merch^{t}: the Rest wee shall be Accountable for as allsoe the fruit having already given away the Major part thereof, the 4 horses wee are of opinion may sell best with you, this not being A place to Dispose of them unless by presents or sending up to Golcondah which is to hazardous now the Mogulls Army is abroad who may possibly take them away for nothing if they should fall in their way.

The new List of goods wth yo^{r}: Directions thereon wee have Received w^{ch}: shall be punctually observed by us soe farr as lyes within our powers, Coppys of the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: letters by the George, have Transcribed and sent to Pettipolee as ordered.

Your Clause Concerning the Dollers Consigned to M^{r}. Aelst by the Interloper Robert Freeman only Replyes to y^{t}: he is very sensible of the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: orders, but lyes not in his power to Alter this Consignm^{t}: nor to pay 2 ℔ Cent ffreight for y^{t}: money w^{ch}: has payd ffreight allready, but if the Hono^{ble}: President and Second, or Either of y^{m}: please to take y^{e} money themselves giving under their hands to bare him harmeless, they may doe with it as they think best, he will meddle with noe more of it, but what is really M^{r}: Aelst own for the sattisfying his Debt to M^{r}: Brereton and himselfe.

Wee now come to your Last of the 3^{d}: Curr^{t}: only concerning y^{e} Persia ffreight for y^{e} Kempthorne w^{ch}: wee have noe Reason yett to Doubt of if any such thing presents; for noe Endeavours shall be wanting of ours, and y^{e} way wee know pretty well for obteyning it, but if the wars Impeed that noe such thing offers, wee must be Content and you may in y^{e} meanwhile please to thinke of some other Employ for y^{e} ship in case y^{t}: should fayle, wee have nothing more to offer, but y^{e} Consideracon of our present Condition being out of Cash and not wherewithall for y^{e} ffactory Expence but shall live in hopes of a speedy supply and Ever Remain

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Yo^{r}: most humble & obedi^{t}: serv^{ts}:
ROB: FFREEMAN.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.
SAM^{LL}: SWYNOKE.

P.S.
S^{rs}.

The sloop Gingerlee M^{r}: John Symons Comand^{r}: arrived into this Road y^{e} 6th Curr^{t}: being in great want of water, which wee supplyed him with and victualling for John Oneale to y^{e} Amount of as ℔ Enclos'd Acco^{t}: which wee desire to know where must Charge it whether to the ffort or ffactory of Vizagapatam.

Wee have sent you Enclosed a Muster of Romalls a new sort now making by the Dutch, but never yett any sent home their price is 30 Pag^{s}: ℔ Cor: of 20 hankercheifs in a peece if you approve of them wee shall follow yo^{r}: orders as to the provision, or otherwise letting them alone.

Since writing y^{e} aforegoing wee have Rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of the 7th: Sept^{br}: and shall take due notice of your Caution not to Intermeddle or Concern our selves with any difference y^{t}: may chance to happen between M^{r}: Coates and his Govern^{r}: y^{e} former passed by this Road y^{e} 29th: Curr^{t}: his vessell being soe leaky Dare not ventur to bring her to an Anchor here, but deliver'd your letter and all other on board A Dutch shipp, and is gon to Madapollam where wee hear him safe Arrived.

Idem
R. FF.
T. H.
S. S.

To THE HONO^{BLE}: W^{M} GYFFORD ESQ^{R} COODALOORE OCTOB^{R}: 3^{D}: 1685.
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCIL.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Wee have received yours of y^{e} 24th: past, to which shall speedily Reply, This serves to Acquaint you the Arrivall of sloop Mary here yesterday, on whome have Laden Bales 62 as ℔ inclosed Bill of Lading, Invoyce of which shall follow ℔ our next Wee have this day dispatched y^{e} sloop for Porto Novo, ordering M^{r}: Cawley to lade what Rice there on her, and to Compleat her Lading with Bail goods, and to dispatch her with all possible Expedition towards you, for y^{e} prevention of Danger by the Approaching foule weather Remitting you Invoyce and bill of Laden, for what Laden, The Reason wee sent you noe more Rice is the great scarcity and Deareness thereof, noe quantity being procurable, w^{ch}: is Occasioned by the Dry weather, and great quantitys y^{t}: hath been transported by shipping, which is the needfull att present from

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most humble & obed^{t}: serv^{ts}:
JN^{O}: DAVIS.
RALPH INGRAM.
JOSEPH LOE.

To THE HONO^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: CONIMEER OCTO^{BR}: Y^{E} 4TH: 1685.
PRESIDENT &C^{A}: COUNCIL IN FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Wee are now as wee have been for some time since discoursing with our merchants Endeavouring to bring them to your termes menc̃oned in your Generall of the 28th Ult^{o}., and have great hopes in 3 or 4 dayes more att furthest to prevail and then shall further Acquaint you of it.

M^{r}: Symon Holcombe Arrived here the 20 ult^{o}: and takes his station and Imployment According to yo^{r}: Orders, but M^{r}: Davis will not permitt Docter Grudgfeild to come hither Notwithstanding your orders, and when wee sent for him, he Returns us an Angry resenting letter, w^{ch}: because he orders us to send it you, wee have Accordingly complyed with him, and have Inclosed sent you A Coppie of it, with the Cheifs Reply thereunto begging you will please to pardon us for obstruding such things upon your more weighty Affaires.

Our Subidar Vitulapille still continues his great Authority and is to have the overseeing of all the Subidars under Hargee Raja, they being all subordinate to him he has made his son now Subidar of Chingie which is Confirmed from Harge Raja by Tasheriffs w^{ch}: he has sent, he yesterday sent us a Letter to Acquaint us of his new Advancement Expecting wee suppose a small present from us, w^{ch}: may not be Inconvenient being Just upon his new Enterance upon his Government.

You may please to send us some paper &c^{a} our stocks being now quite att an End, not Else att pres^{t} saving that wee are

Hono$^{b.e}$: S^{r}: &c^{a}
Your most humble servants
JOHN WILLCOX.
RICH^{D}: MILTON.
SIMON HOLCOMB.

TO THE HONO^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: & GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCIL.

COODALOORE OCTO^{BR}: 5TH: 1685.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r} :&c^{a}:

Wee shall with all due Respect give answer to yo^{rs}: of the 24th and 29th ult^{o}:

Wee must needs Acquiess: y^{t}: your discreet management of Affaires have in all Respects very much tended to the Advantage of our R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Employers, and what wrote you concerning y^{e} Kempthornes Affaires, was to Excuse our selves, from being undeservedly blamed, as wee hope ours of y^{e} 28th past may satisfie you how farr our Endeavours have been to Answer your Expectac̃on therin, being more y^{n}: you or our selves could reasonable Expect, considering the Circumstances wee were under, y^{t}: all ships had free Ingress and Regress to the port, which they had not the last year which very much Conduced to y^{e} Rochesters ffreight.

In ours of the 3^{d}: Curr^{t}: Advised you of the Arrivall of sloop Mary the 2^{d}: ditto, and the dispatch from hence y^{t}: Day for Porto Novo, having Laden on board her 62 bales, and sent her thither to compleat her Lading, with Rice and Bale goods, ordering M^{r}: Cawley to dispatch her towards you with all possible Expedition that soe she might out run the Approaching foule Weather, w^{ch}: doe not Apprehend any danger of, Except it alters its usuall season, in breaking up before the new or full moon of the month w^{ch}: hope it may not, wee wrote you the needfull ℔ sloope Mary for sending you noe more Rice and thought fitt to give you this Acco^{t}: of her though allready done, finding the winds to hang Contrary, and possibly this might reach yo^{r}: hands before that.

The Acco^{t}: wee formerly sent you of Pago^{s}: 1549 due to o^{r}: Merchants and Pag^{s}: 10,396 to the Porto Novo Merchants was for goods received to y^{t}: time, y^{e}: Acco^{t}: since sent you was what money necessary to compleate our Investments of the last yeare, which had you been pleas'd to have considered, and what money sent us, (the goods afterwards sent not to be Accompted for thereon, but on the Ensuing Investment, the merchants having had their proporc̃on before) you would have found by our Contracts, there had been as much money due as Advised, however are heartily sorry there should be such A Misunderstanding, y^{t}: a falce Representac̃on should be made y^{e} Comp^{a}: of their Debts, but Errors are allwayes Excepted, and in multiplicity of business y^{e} carefullest of men may committ an oversight, and hope it will not Occasion a shorter from them then may be Expected as doubtless 'twill not if y^{e} marketts will Admitt of more.

Wee are glad to read y^{e} great hon^{r}: and Civillitys you have been pleased to shew the Subidar, and hope 'twill oblige him to a Retalliac̃on of yo^{r}: kindness in the Civill treatment of us in the management of our Affaires.

Wee have not nor shall not att any time send him money without yo^{r}: order being this Inconveniency in it, y^{t} lett his abuses be what it will wee must either suffer it till it be discounted out of the Customes, or lose it if wee are forced to withdraw before yo^{r}: proposalls to him for A Fortification and settlement in some more Convenient place y^{n}: att present wee are in, if granted would very much commode the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Affairs in these parts, and be such a Check to the Moratta Raskalls y^{t}: they would not dare to abuse us in this manner as they have, for they are noe longer civill y^{n}: wee are feeding of 'em, and the Rudest Abusive Rogues as ever men lived amongst, wee Cannot write more kindly of 'em having been treated soe uncivilly, 'tis possibly y^{e} Subidar may in Expectac̃on of A

reward Endeavour the obteyning those priviledges which if he does in all probability Harja Rajah may conceed thereto, he having soe great an Influence with him.

Wee observe yo^{r}: settlement of this Porto Novo ffactory and shall give all due obedience thereto, but have thought fitt to Continue M^{r}: Ingram and M^{r}: Cawley in their stations till all Acco^{ts}: are Adjusted, w^{ch}: done shall dispatch M^{r}: Ingram for Porto Novo, and order M^{r}: Cawley hither, but must Entreat you will please to Appoint some other person, & not M^{r}: Cawley to keep the Acco^{ts}: of this ffactory he having Acquainted us y^{t}: he is Incapacitated for it, not only by Reason of his Indisposition, but being disturbed in his head therefore if his Acco^{ts}: att Porto Novo be not done before his Remove, desire you please to order it to be done.

The money first sent the Subidar on Acco^{t}: of Custome is sattisfied therefore According to your order shall deliver up the Renters bill, though discounting the Customes of the yeare, he will still be the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Debtor Pag^{s}: 2,000.

In obedience to yo^{r}: Commands have allwayes sent the Docter to Conimeere as often as desired, and knowe noe Reason why M^{r}: Willcox had to complain of our not sending him last time Except he were desirous wee should Accquaint you with his Incivilitys w^{ch}: must doe to sattisfy you, y^{e} Reason wee sent him not which is y^{t}: M^{r}: Willcox hath not only refused to pay his Travailing charges thither but the last time he sent for him never Acquainted us therewith which slight soe farr resented, as ordered y^{e} Docter to Acquaint him y^{t}: wee would not ℔mitt him to goe till he acquainted us with his desires, being upon making up acco^{ts}: with our Merchants for y^{e} last yeares Investment, and they demanded the Abatement to be taken off on Morees No: 7 att 18 Pago^{s}: ℔ Corge and fanams 15 to be allowed y^{m}: ℔ corge for beating the blew Cloth, Alleadging y^{t}: it was Allowed att y^{e} ffort, and Conimeere, wee therefore wrot to M^{r}: Willcox &c^{a}: to be sattisfied of y^{e} matter having for the last year & this taken of y^{e} Abatement of 11 & 12 ℔ Cent on the Morees att Pag^{s}: 17 ℔ corge, and made noe allowance on the Blew cloth for beating, to which he hath returned us noe Answer, therefore desire you will please to Advise what you doe therein, for if you allow it, 'tis but reasonably it should be allowed the merchants here, our Abatement as they say being but soe much ℔ cent on yo^{r} prices.

The 20,000 Pago^{s}: advised to be sent, have Rec^{d}: for which shall Creditt yo^{r}: Acco^{t}: Curr^{t}:

Since writing the foregoing, sloop Mary is again come to an Anchor in this Road, from y^{e} Master of whome Rec^{d}: a letter y^{t}: by Contrary winds, and a strong Curr^{t}: setting to the Nor'ward he could not possibl[y] fetch Porto Novo and y^{t}: it would be dangerous to lye beating in y^{e} sea any Longer, being fearfull he should be taken with the Moonsoons, therefore thought fitt to revoke our former order, and order him to beare away for the ffort, y^{t}: soe he might gett into some River in time to secure himselfe, herewith forward you o^{r}: Dyary for the last month, and pursers Acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: for y^{e} months of July and August, to which desire you will please to be Referred, Desire you will please to Consider of some way for disposing our Broad Cloth, being a very considerable quantity and the worme gott into it and if not disposed of quickly will be worth nothing, Wee hope you are well sattisfied by our often repeated Endeavours y^{t}: nothing has been wanting in our parts to find a vend for it, but wee find all to noe purpose, and y^{t}: y^{e}: merchants will never be obliged to it without a Considerable sume of money, and to take it off on a new Investment, wee call not more to mind att present, but Respectfully salute you and Remain

Hono'ble S^{r} &c^{a}
Yo^{r}: most obedient humble Serv^{ts}:
Jn^{o}: Davis.
Ralph Ingram.
Joseph Loe.

P. S. Wee herewith forward you sloop Mary's Invoyce wee desire you will please to supply us with the following ffactors provisions viz^{t}: Ink, Wax, Penknives, Quills, Pencills, Books, paper, letter paper, bound Books, Pounce, Standishes and Spanish wooll for Red Inke powder and shott.

Id^{m}
J. D.
R. I.
J. L.

Just now came to hand M^{r} Willcox &c^{a}: Gene^{ll}: of the 4th Curr^{t}: In Answer to ours of y^{e} ♆ M^{o} Ditto but being something dissatisfied with his unfriendly Correspondence have sent them both to you to be Judges of and desire you will please to signify yo^{r} Displeasure, where you shall find it deserving.

Idem
J. D.
R. I.
J. L.

To The Hono^{ble}: W^{m}: Gyfford Esq^{r}
President &c^{a}: Council in Fort S^{t} George.

Conimeere Octo^{br} 8th 1685.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}.

Wee shall Respectfully give answer to yo^{rs}: of y^{e} 28th ult^{o}: and herein doe Return our humble thanks, and Acknowledgements, for y^{t} you have been pleased to Approve of our late discourses with our merchants as to a new Investment, and have been farther discoursing y^{m}: as to what you write about y^{e} supplying the Roome of the Pago^{s}: 10,000 in Copper, wth: Europe goods, but wee can by noe Art or meanes prevail with them for y^{t}: Exchange, for they say most part of their last yeares Europe goods lyes by them as yett unsold and being obliged to take of Pago^{s}: 10,000 in our last Contract of Pago^{s}: 30,000 should they take of Pago^{s}: 20,000 more, and Advance soe Considerably as they doe without Interest they should most Certainly be very great loosers, and is a thing they cannot doe, but they say in as much as you have taken Pago^{s}: 5,000 from their proporcõn in our last Gene^{ll}: they will be Content with the Pago^{s}: 20,000 you promis'd to send now, will Advance 20,000 more without Interest for 3 months but then 'twill take off but Pago^{s}: 10,000 in Europe goods, but if you have any silver will take of Pago^{s}: 10,000 in y^{t}: in the Room of the Copper these are their last Resolutions w^{ch}: they Intreated us to Acquaint you wth: and Interceed with you in their behalfes, and soe to Represent things to you, y^{t}: as it is necessity, not obstinacy y^{t}: makes y^{m}: not Comply soe you will be pleas'd to gratifie them in this their last proposition and Request, being ready in all things and to their uttmost Abilitys to serve the R^{t} Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: in whatsoever they Command them.

Tho' wee cannot perfect our hopes as to y^{e} bringing our merchants compleatly to your proposed termes, yett wee doe Assure your Hon^{r}: &c^{a} our Endeavours have not been wanting therein, for our Arguments could not prevail, when they having made up their Acco^{ts} found how the case was like to stand with them in this business, and this wee humbly desire you will be pleased to give Creditt to, when yo^{r}: Approbation comes wee will be Endeavouring to make y^{m}: yett Advance upon this Pag^{s}: 10,000 of Europe goods to ⅓ of the Pag^{s}: 40,000 for when 'tis Insinuated to them by degrees, and not by the Lump, wee may have greater hopes of prevailing.

When you have any Timbers come up from Madapollum, you may please to send us some for Plank, wee having another sort here which will serve for door posts and window frames and comes out Cheaper.

Soe this being the needfull att present, crave leave to subscribe our selves.

Hono^{ble} :S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most Humble Serv^{ts}:
JOHN WILLCOX.
RICH^{D}: MILTON.
SIMON HOLCOMBE.

PETTIPOLEE 7TH OCTO^{BR} 1685.

TO THE HONO^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R} OF FORT S^{T}: GEORG^{E} &C^{A}: COUNCIL.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Our last to you was of the 22^{d}: past where [with] is come now to our Reception, yours of the 24th: Ditto to which wee shall now give answer as to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Complaint against the Golcondah Betteelaes, tho' wee y^{n}: had not heard of y^{e} Royall James Arrivall in England w^{ch}: carried home the Betteelaes of this ffactory, yett wee Enquired of o^{r}: Dubash and Bramany, and Merchants concerning them, who then Answered us & doe now againe y^{t}: y^{e} goods brought in that year and sorted, were of y^{e} same price, and goodness as of former year's and belived by him that sorted y^{m}: to Answer muster, wee shall write to M^{r}: Wales to hear what he sayes concerning them, & when Rec^{d}: his Answer remitt it to you.

Wee gave you an Acco^{t}: in our last of Hydra Cawns proceedings with Heath, who notwithstanding his Phirmaund which he pleaded to us (when wee desired him to turne him out of his Government) and the large sume of Pag^{s}: 3,000 he forcs'd from him for y^{e} quiet carrying on of his business in his governm^{t}: yett by what wee can learne still of Hydra Cawnes Intentions wee are of opinion he will not yett lett him proceed with his Investm^{t}: without further molestation either to himselfe, Merchants, or both wee shall use our Uttmost Endeavour to oblige & ꝑswaid him thereto, especially by giv[ing] him to understand your high Resentments of his giving Heath y^{e} priviledge he now does and y^{t}: it may be a means to cause the Removall of this ffactory out of his government, w^{ch}: would be an yearly Advantage to him, when as the other is but a single ꝑson, and certainly the last Interloper that will come out, w^{ch}: will be a great Argument, to Induce him to molest their business tho' perhaps, not soe much to oblige y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: as to force them further to satisfie his Avaritious humour, whilst he has them in his power, and no hopes of Advantage by them, hereafter, but he att present letts Heath alone he having yett given out no money to the Merch^{ts}: here are noe sub Govern^{rs}: or others who can disturbey^{m}: in their business if Hydra Cawne Countenances them soe y^{t}: what can be done against them must be done by him.

The Pago^{s}: 4000 you sent have Rec^{d}: and shall Duly Creditt you for it, wee have again used our uttmost Endeavours, to bring our Merchants to A Complyance in y^{e} Abatement of what you have Awarded them, and have att last wrought upon y^{m}: the desired Effect for after 2 dayes discourses with them, and all the powerfull Arguments and ꝑswasions (wee could possibly Invent) being Exerted, wee att last brought y^{m}: to deliver up their Bill upon y^{e}: payment of Pag^{s} 3256, 26^{f}: 5^{c}: w^{ch}: Deducting yo^{r}: Award of Pag^{s}: 2560: 7^{f}: 1^{e}: is y^{e}: Just Ballance of their Acco^{t}: principall and Interest they declaring they would not Longer dispute the reasonableness or Unreasonableness thereof, but in all things Comply wth: youre Orders, and Leaving it wholly to yo^{r}: selves, whether hereafter you would take it in goods, and build a ffactory in this place hoping by their wholly Relying upon and Referring themselves to you, to Acquire yo^{r}: good Opinion &

Esteem of them, and y^{t}: they may Receive larger Encour[a]gement from you hereafter, and y^{e} more to Engage themselves in yo^{r}: favours & Esteem, they are willing to Advance on the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Creditt 10: 20 or 30 Thousand Pag^{s}: according to what sume in ready money you would please to send downe, saying y^{t}: for every Thousand Pag^{s}: wee shall pay them they will bring in Pag^{s}: 2000 of goods (as far as they are able to procure in time, w^{ch}: they say will be to the Amo^{t}: of Pag^{s}: 60000) staying for the other halfe of their money till the Arrivall of the next years Shipping you allowing them the Interest of 12 ℔: Cent, and to this wee humbl[y] request yo^{r}: speedy Answer, y^{t}: if you Accept of this proposall y^{e} Merchants may loose noe longer time but proceed in provision of goods.

Herewith goes Dyarys Consultations Acco^{t}: Cash and stewards Acco^{ts}: from the 25 March to this time which with the Tenders of our most Humble services Concludes these from

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most Obedient serv^{ts}:
RICH: BRERETON.
W^{M}: SHALES.

P.S.
You will ℔ceive by our Diarys how Heaths Affairs stand as farr as are come to our knowledge wee shall not fayl to give you continuall Advices of his proceedings as any thing worthy your notice happens.
Id^{m}:

TO THE HONO^{BLE}: WILL^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCIL FOR THE AFFAIRES OF Y^{E} RIGHT HONO^{BLE} ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY IN FORT S^{T} GEORGE.

PORTO NOVO 7^{BR} 25TH 1685.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of y^{e} 7th Instant w^{ch}: wee shall observe in pressing a Phirmaund for confirmation of the queen of Acheen, promise made M^{r}: Ord for our settlement on the West coast, and wee shall be so cautious in Transacting the Business with the great ones, y^{t}: wee will promise nothing but Conditionally they gratifie us in o^{r}: demands. Wee shall advise with M^{r}: Mohun in the whole Affair, Recommended to our care as ℔orders and follow his Directions as farr as is convenient.

The Shipp Kempthorne having all her Bales Laden, and in a Readiness to sayle, M^{r}: Davis &c^{a}: hath given the Cap^{t}: his Dispatch for Acheen and wee are Just now going aboard, shee is full Laden, and wish wee meet with a good markett, as for ℔ticulars wee shall referr y^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: to o^{r}: Acco^{ts}: when it shall please God wee shall Return.

There is noe boat to be gott on this side, but make noe question, but M^{r}: Mohun will supply our occasions.

Two of the Peons have given us the slipp Vizt Perian, Tangala, and Perian Tandavin they have had with w^{t}: provisions is aboard for them to the Amount of 3 months Advance att Pag^{s}: 1$\frac{1}{2}$ ℔ Meñ.

Wee have nothing more to Add but wish the ship good success and yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: Council all prosperity which wee doe and Humbly subscribe ourselves.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most humble & obed^{t}: serv^{ts}:
JOHN PITT.
THOM^{S}: CONSTABLE

1685.

TRANSLATE OF A LRE FROM CHYNA TOMBY MERCAWNE TO Y^E: HONO^BLE: W^M: GYFFORD ESQ^R: PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^R: DATED SEPTEM^BR: 1685.

When M^r: ffreeman came up to yo^r: Hono^r I desired to wait on him, but he told me I need not trouble myselfe, for he would gett me Tasheriphs from yo^r: Hon^r:, and clear me att his Return and send me to my own Countrey, he swore to me to doe in this manner therefore I trusted on his words, but att his Return he told me 'twas better for me to stay in this towne and merchandize, and not to goe up to Madras for he would Assist me, but I Considered with my selfe y^t: I formerly had dealt with him, and to this houre was not Cleare with him, therefore I gave him noe Answer, Ten or fiveteen dayes before your Hon^r: Arriv'd from y^e Bay to Metchlepatam he gave me very fair promises, but after yo^r: Hon^rs: Departure from thence he fell back from his words, I wrote formerly about this business to the Worship^ll: Elihu Yale, it is a proverb Amongst us, y^t: when people fall from their words, 'tis a signe their Ruin is drawing nigh, yo^r: Hon^r: is a very understanding man, King both att sea and Land, and of soe great a Judgement y^t: you can tell how many feathers A Bird has y^t: flyes in y^e Air, and I desire youre Hon^r: to Consider if it be [Just] y^t: I being A poor man should lye soe Unjustly in prison soe long whilst my wife and Children starves for want of Rice, I have none of yo^r: mony in my hands, when M^r: ffreeman and I were first Acquainted, yo^r: Hon^r: is unacquainted w^th: the Contract y^t: was between: us, att yo^r: Hon^rs: Arrival from y^e: Bay, yo^r: Hon^r: sayd I should pay 300 Pag^s: for y^e: 500 which if it was due I should not Refuse to pay, if yo^r Hon^r: would please to hear both sides you would then be sattisfied if there was any thing due to him or [not] M^r: ffreeman is such an Able man y^t: if he took any shipps, kill'd any men or took away any mans Estate wrongfully, he is Able to make sattisfaction and is afraid of noe man, M^r: ffreeman being such a man is it Reasonable y^r Hon^r: should deliver me to [his] hands, he has took away my mony and is minded to kill me, it is a Common discourse in Metchlepatam y^t: for Pag^s: 10 A Conjurer would kill any man, and M^r: ffreeman is able with his money to [make] them doe such things, Putt y^e King of Englands and the Hono^ble: Comp^as: Duroy upon yo^r: Hon^r: y^t: you send for mee soe soone as you Receive this Letter, and take y^e business into Examinacon and where mony is found to be due make it be payd, I took all English men to be Hono^ble: and honest people w^ch: made me suffer soe Long by M^r: ffreeman but finding he is a man of an Ill Mind I could not suffer it Longer, [and] made bold to write to yo^r Hon^r about it Narran has been in these parts and Acquainted him with the business, and he Discoursed M^r: ffreeman about it but after Narrans Departure he Tormented me more, yo^r: Hon^r: being Putt into such a great place by God Allmighty you ought to Enquire into such businesses therefore I humbly begg yo^r: Hon^r to take this business into yo^r: Hon^rs: sight.

TO THE HONO^BLE: W^M: GYFFORD ESQ^R. CONIMEER: OCTOB^R: Y^E 20^TH: 1685.
PRESIDENT &C^A COUNCIL IN FORT S^T GEORGE.

Hono^ble: S^r: &c^a:

Your Gen^ll: of y^e 12^th Inst^t: w^th: the Pag^s: 17000 wee Rec^d: y^e 14 Ditto since [which] wee have been Contriving and Inventing all y^e wayes Imaginable to bring our merchants to Comply with your orders, and 'twas but yesterday y^t: they would come to any Reasonable Agreement with us, wee Reinforced all yo^r: Arguments, and Enlarged upon y^m: as much as possibly wee could, telling y^m: how much they ought to look upon themselves to be obliged to the ffort, for disfurnishing their own merchants to supply y^m:, and y^t: therefore for this their kindness they ought to make a sui[t]able return, and y^t: soe much money being

sent, 'twas reason there should be a proportionable quantity of Europe goods taken off along with it, for what others would meddle with the goods, when they had Rec^{d}: all the mony, and 'twas but Just in the ffort to order as they had done, y^{t}: if they would not Comply and take off Pag^{s}: 20000 in goods y^{t}: y^{n}: y^{e} money to be Returned back again, y^{t}: their last Resolves was noe wayes Acceptable to the Fort for their taking off but Pag^{s}: 10000 in goods would be a greater loss to the Comp^{a}: y^{n}: their Advancing Pago^{s}: 20000 without Interest for 3 months would be A Benefitt, which would Amount to noe more than Pag^{s}: 450 A small sume in Comparisson of what the profitts would be upon the Pag^{s}: 10000 Europe goods, wee therefore told y^{m}: in point of gratitude as well as 'twas their own Interest they ought to Comply, and therefore bid y^{m}: Consider well of it and Returne their Answer, which they having done, told us that y^{e} case was very hard wth: them for y^{e} 20000 pag^{s}: in goods would lye by them a great while att least 6 months before they could sell them, 20000 they must Advance wth: out Interest for y^{t} w^{ch}: they were forced to pay 1¼ ℔mensem soe that Receiving but Pag^{s}: 20000 of us the other 40000 must be wholly their own money, y^{t}: they did never deny to take ⅓ in goods provided the other ⅔ ^{ds} were in money according to Contract, but in this they Received but ⅓ in money the other was their own, and therefore they said they could by noe means agree to our proposalls, and desired to be dismist, seeing them soe positive and that wee could not prevail, wee were Resolved to see if ffrighting them would doe the business, and soe Accordingly wee gave out wee would Returne the money to the Fort again, and gave order to all the peons to gett in a Readiness and to be going, and sent privately to see what Effect this would have upon them, but wee had Answer y^{t}: they took little notice of it, and sayd wee might doe our pleasures, but to Agree upon the Aforesayd termes they could not, our Endeavours this [way] not prevailing wee thought it Convenient to propose, since they would not take off Pag^{s}: 20000 in goods that wee would for once run the Hazard of yo^{r}: displeasures and be content to take the ⅛ of the Pagodas 40000 as wee offered to you in our last and w^{ch}: you have been pleased to Reinforce since, but then the Investment must be ¾ in cours[e] goods, this seeming as hard a Lesson to y^{m}: as the former proposition and w^{ch}: they sayd they could never yeild to for that this would be the way to begger them they sayd, and if these were our proposalls wee should never come to any agreement, but y^{t}: as they had been Ever Ready to serve the Comp^{a}: soe if wee would Agree with them According to y^{t}: their usuall contracts with us, that then they would take off the ⅛ of y^{e} Pago^{s}: 40000 in Europe goods, wee are glad to hear this Concession from them, but still were urging the course goods but finding their obstinate behaviour before, and the Continuation of it now in this ℔ticular, wee were forced to yeild to them, their being noe other possible meanes to bring this business to A Period, wee have therefore concluded the Contract with them to be finished by the End of January next Ensuing, wee have not since the Rec^{t}: of your Letter given our selves any Rest, but have sedulously managed this Affair, [to] the very uttmost, and as much as in us lyes, obeyed and Complyed wth yo^{r}: orders and Commands, w^{ch}: wee humbly Refer to your Candour and Consideracon.

You may please to [forward] to us as soon as the [season] will permitt the Europe goods for this new Contract according to the List wee formerly sent you, as likewise the Remainder of those that was last sent us to Compleat Pag^{s}: 10000 for our last Contract wee having as yett Rec^{d}: but about Pag^{s}: 3903: 22: 0: According to Invoice Dated y^{e} 10th: of July 1685.

Soe this being the Needfull Wee Respectfully Conclude these Remain

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}
Your most humble Serv^{ts}
JOHN WILLCOX.
RICH^{D}: MILTON.
SYMON: HOLCOMBE.

To the Hono^{ble}: W^{m}: Gyfford Esq^{r}
President &c^{a}: Council.

Vizagapat^{m}: Oct^{br}: 1st: 1685.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Yours of the 20th: August ℔ sloop Gingerlee wee Rec^{d}: y^{e} 21st Septem^{br}; when she Imported we Encountered a great deal of trouble to secure her in the Road the weather [being] soe very Boisterous and shee in soe Ill a Condition but by a seasonable supply of water, and provisions, with a Cable and Anchor have preserved her tho' driven into the very surfe, and since gott her into our River but great part of the goods dammaged, the Powder Lead and salt petre is highly Acceptable to his Excellency, who is preparing an Answer to his Hon^{rs}: Letter, and has Expressed himselfe Extreem kindly to us on this score Answering us, y^{t}: he will demonstrate his sattisfaction herein by some signall tokens of his favours, the troubles that Threatned these parts are Dispatched by his Excellency's seeming complyance with y^{e} Enemies demands, tho' he is making great preperations against the spring to revenge the Affronts his Unpreparedness constrained him patiently to Endure, wee have obliged our Merchants to bring in for A better Investment to the Amount of Pag^{s}: 10,000 att least, therefore hope you will please to furnish us therewith as soone as possible, which will Induce y^{m}: to be as good if not better then their Engagements.

Our Bookes comes herewth; and had been sooner with you, but that M^{r}: Charleton, Appointed to Transcribe them having been for some months dangerously Ill and still Continues in a very weake Condition which is the needfull from

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}
Your very humble Serv^{ts}:
R: Browne.
Geo: Ramsden.
Charles Fleetwood.

To the Hono^{ble}: W^{m}: Gyfford Esq^{r}
President & Govern^{r}: &c^{a}: Council.

Metchlepa^{m}: y^{e} 19th Octo^{br}: 1685.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Wee have now before us yours of y^{e} 24th: and 29th; past month, to which Reply, wee are glad to hear of y^{e} Shipp Syam Merchants safe Arrivall with you, by w^{ch}: understand you have Rec^{d}: M^{r}: Broughs Acco^{t}: for ℔^{t} of y^{e}: Persia ffreight with the wine and Rose water sent upon her, the 4 horses still Remaine by us and are like soe to doe without your further Order for the Reasons mentioned in our last, but if y^{e} Countrey were in peace y^{t}; could safely transport them to Golcondah doe belive would sell to good profitt being young and promising Beasts.

Wee have Acquainted our Merchants with what you write concerning y^{e} taking off Europe goods for our last contract $\frac{1}{3}$ ℔^{t} and $\frac{1}{3}$ in ready money y^{e} other $\frac{1}{3}$ to be Advanced by them and throughly discoursed y^{e} Reasonableness of y^{e} Business, their Reply is y^{e} same as before y^{t}; att this time of warr they cannot take any, after that concluded they will to as great an Amount as other factorys, and y^{e} truth is att this time all Inland trade is att A stop and the Roads full of Souldiers, who rob and plunder soe much, y^{t}; scarce A Peon can Pass without abuse, And by Advice this Day Rec^{d}: from [. . . .] Golcondah will be forced to surrender in few dayes the King is flying to his Fort for sanctuary and many of the [. . .] familys coming downe to these parts, as the Nabobs and others, Our Merchants goods are all in Readiness to A very Considerable Amount beyond their Contract and w^{t}: wee have seen of them are very good in their kind but much better then former yeares, they demand 1,000 Pag^{ds}: each in hand being 12 in number & then will bring in all their goods to sorting w^{ch}; wee belive

may reach to 40: or 50,000 Pag^{s}: att least, and Bills they require for the Rest soe soon as y^{e} goods are delivered w^{ch}: wee have promised a Complyance herein, soe speedily as can give you advice thereof not doubting yo^{r}: Approbation, wee have Allsoe contracted for Romalls of 4 severall sorts to the Amo^{t}: of Pag^{s}: 6,000 with other Merch^{ts}: of the town, ours Refusing to meddle with them att the same Rate w^{ch}: money must be pay'd downe upon Receipt of goods according to Contract, w^{ch}: hope you will have A regard to, some Dyapers & striped Beetelaes of a new sort wee have Bespoake according to Muster from England, but can make noe contract Either for Price or quantity, but when they come Inn, and wee agree for them, must Expect to pay ready money.

Wee have lately been with y^{e} Govern^{r}: and discourst him, concerning the Persia ffreight he gives us Encouragem^{t}: of A greater will present this yeare then last, and y^{t}; wee need not doubt having it if he remains in place, but as yett wee see noe Appearance of warrs being the only Impediment, and if they continue wee are of oppinion 'twill be nothing, but one months time more will plainly discover, y^{t}: w^{ch}: is sufficient in Answere to your former.

Your Letter brought with it Pag^{ds}: 5,000 w^{ch} have Rec^{d}: and given you due Creditt for sayd sume was Imediately Delivered to our Merchants in ꝑ^{t} of our promise for 12,000 y^{e} Rest of y^{e} Letter is in a manner allready Answered concerning putting off Europe goods noe Endeavours of ours shall be wanting, it being a thing very Easie, were the Countrey in quiett and noe year hitherto has any Considerable quantity stuck on hand but if wee cannot possibly putt them off this year for the Reasons Aforemenc̃oned before Dispatch of y^{e}: last ship from the Bay shall then Comply wth: yo^{r}: order in sending y^{m}: to you w^{ch} is what offers at pres^{t}: worth notice from

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most humble & most obed^{t}: serv^{ts}:

Rob: Ffreeman.
Timothy Harris.
Sam^{ll}: Swynoke.

P.S. Since finishing y^{e} Aforegoing is come to hand yo^{rs}: of y^{e} 10 Curr^{t}: wth: Pag^{s} 5,000 w^{ch}: thinke fitt to Acknowledge y^{e}: Recp^{t}: of & tomorrow shall give Answer to your Last.

I^{d}:
R. ff.
T. H.
S. S.

To the Hono^{ble} W^{m}: Gyfford Esq^{r}
President[ꝑ] Govern^{r} &c^{a}: Council

Metchlepat^{m}: 22^{d}: Octo^{rr}: 1685.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Our last to you was of y^{e} 19th: Curr^{t}: upon closure of which came to hand yours of y^{e} 10th: wth: pago^{s}: 5,000 :which wee have given you due Creditt for and shall dispose thereof to our Merchants, w^{ch}: doubt not but may Encour[a]ge them to hasten the bringing in of their goods and our endeavours shall not bee wanting, but hope will please to Advance a Little more, to make each whole share A Thousand Pag^{s}: as Advised in our last, which will Answer their own desires, and question not a very Considerable supply of goods, but withall you must please to Consider our Engagements for R[o]malls, Dyapers, and stript Beetelaes, which must be payd for upon bringing In.

Wee shall According to your [orders] send an Acco^{t}: to Madapollam of what Europe goods wee have Remaining besides Broadcloth, w^{ch} is but very little, as you may see by yo^{r}: last Acc^{t}: Cash sent you.

Wee hope this Govern^{r}: does not designe to make all, or any of y^{e} Comp^{as}: servants pay Custome, tho' wee are forced to give him the Liberty of his Tongue, he having often talkt at the same Rate in his Intoxicated humours, tho' never yett Attempted it in our time, only this Business of M^{r}: Lucass which being soe Intermixt with the Dons folly and to much Confide [nce] of the man, wee cannot come to a right understanding the Govern^{r}: denying what the don sayes and Affirmes, y^{t}: what he has taken was upon Agreement between y^{m}: which wee belive to be falce, but he has gott the Advantage and vallues not anything he sayes for his Interest, wee have sent him your Letter to w^{ch}: he promises an Answer but has not as yett sent it, two of yo^{r}: peons still Attends him for the same.

Wee cannot give any Encour[a]gement for y^{e} sending hither gold and silver thread if fine, here being some of ꝑticular ꝑsons belonging to Madapollum and Pettipolee y^{t} will not yeild prime Cost, however if you think fitt to make A Tryall thereof wee shall use o^{r}: best Endeavours Answerable to yo^{r}: Directions.

The Abasses brought from Persia by M^{r}: Brough on Acco^{t}: ffreight, wee have sold att 7¾ ꝑ Pag^{a}: to Accana thereof, who Returnes us 142 being very bad and will [. . .] sattisfyed without sending y^{m}: to you for a [. . .] of a Redress, which wee have gratified him in and [. . .] Answer thereto whether shall allowe any thing upon them or not.

One of the Kings Bramanyes att Golcondah by name Pispott Ancata, having a ship Att Narsapore, designed speedily for Acheen, desires us to owne and supply her with An English pilott and to goe under our Colours w^{ch}: wee belive is occasioned through fear of the Dutch and M^{r}: Coats, wee dare not Absolutely Refuse him being a Potent person att Court, but promised to acquaint your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: therewith w^{ch}: please to take into consideration, and give us yo^{r}: Answer w^{ch}: will be speedily required from us, wee having not any of your passes nor never had since our time, wherefore please to supply us with halfe A Dozen w^{ch}: is what offers att present wee humbly conclude

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most humble and most obedient serv^{ts}:
R: FFREEMAN.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.
SAM^{LL}: SWYNOKE.

TO THE HONO^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}
PRESIDENT & GOVERNO^{R} &C^{A}: COUNCIL.

COODALOORE Y^{E} 31ST OCTO^{BR}: 1685.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Wee have Rec^{d}: yours of y^{e} 19th and 26th Curr^{t}: to w^{ch}: shall now with all due Respects give Answer.

Wee are sorry to read your dissatisfaction, being much contrary to our Expectacons and desire your favour of friendship w^{ch}: will Encourage us to goe on with our business with Alacrity for men to use all care and Diligence to preferr their masters Interest, and to be Rejected is now wayes gratefull, but doubt not, when you shall well weigh, and consider the Circumstances of our Affairs you will be well satisfied, that 'tis not for want of our Endeavours y^{t}: yo^{r}: Expectacons have not bee[n] Answered.

According to your order herewith Remitt Invoyce of ship Kempthornes Leading y^{e}: Amount of which Debitt your Acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: for.

In Divers of [our] Letter Advised you y^{t}: the Merchants Acco^{ts}: formerly sent you was how they stood to y^{t}: time and when wee desired you would be pleas'd to be Referred to yo^{r}: Acco^{t}: Cash, Invoyce of what goods sent us, and our Contract with the merchants was to sattisfie you how Acco^{ts}: would stand with our Merchants att y^{e} conclusion of y^{e} Investment, and not to presume to

Direct you (as you are pleased to terme it) which cannot be thought from those y^t: are still to learn, and from whome the Respect of obeying is due.

Tis strange you should not belive what wrot you concerning M^r: Cawley w^{ch}: in time you will find to be true as you may allready, all y^e $Acco^{tts}$: and business of Porto Novo being undone which must be done by those Intended thither, and 'tis not to be thought he should discover his own weakness soe farr as to Acquaint you therewith.

As formerly wrote you, Doctor Grudgfeild hath as often as wee have been Acquainted with their occasions been sent to Conimeer, and 'twas soe farr from any thing of danger of y^e persons miscar[r]ying for want of him, that twas a meer fiction, for he was soon after sent and found the patient soe well as to have noe Occasion for him, Soe Returned as he went, and had the person miscarryed (w^{ch}: God forbiding should for want of any Assistance from us) it hath been noe fault of ours, but theirs y^e: rather y^n: they would give themselves the Trouble of a Line (w^{ch}: in Civil[li]ty they ought) they would Expose a man to the danger of loosing his life and wee must leave you to Judge on whose side punctilio an[d] Inhumanity as they Call it in their letter lay.

Not to give you the Trouble wrote to Conimeer to Advise on what price they took of the Abatement on morees N^o: 7 and from what time they paid their merchants Interest for the overplus of goods brought in by them, these things being in dispute between the merchants and us, they Alleadging y^t: y^e: Abatement on the morees is taken of on Pag^s: 18 ℔ Corge there, which was never done on more then Pag^s: 17 ℔ Corge here and y^t: y^e: Interest was Allowed y^m: att Conimeer from y Commencing of the Investment to the time of making up $Acco^{ts}$: w^{th}: y^m: w^{ch}: Esteem unreasonable, and y^t: they ought to be Allowed Interest noe longer then for y^e time y^e $Comp^{as}$: money was all Invested to the time of Accounting with them w^{ch}: they have given us noe sattisfaction therefore desire you will please to doe it, or order them, and how you will have the Interest Accounted for with our merchants, w^{ch}: shall be accordingly observed. Wee observe what you are pleas'd to write concerning our buying of horses, w^{ch}: wee have not Exceeded the $Comp^{as}$: Allowances in, but are short, therefore hope you will not dissaprove thereof, and y^e: Reason wee bought the two last, was because wee had spared two for the use of Porto Novo ffactory, finding Palla[n]keen Hire upon all occasions to be much more chargeable then Horses.

According to yo^r: order have Remitted a List of what goods have by us for Conimeer, and shall send y^m: what they Advise th[ey] shall Have occasion for, tho' were you please[d] to supply us w^{th}: money as you have done y^m:, they might as well be disposed of here but [. . .] our Merchants are never to be obliged to take them off, have [. . .] proportion on y^e last Inves[t]ment according to Agreement [. . .] Porto Novo Merchants they alltogeather Inexcusable, having [never] taken off any worth notice taken, and the Reason is, y^t: they have hitherto been Excluded from it by Contracts which you were pleas'd to Approve therefore not to be obliged to any thing more but on a new Investment, on which they and y^e Coodaloore $Merch^{ts}$: will undertake for what formerly Agreed for; and to Invest to what amount you shall please to order, and to sattisfie you y^t: our merchants here have not been wanting to serve y^e R^t: $Hono^{ble}$: $Comp^a$: in the taking of their goods there will not be much less brought to y^e Creditt of yo^r: $Acco^t$: $Curr^t$: by Proffitt and Loss, y^t: Pag^s: 5,000 for y^e last yeare all Expences being deducted, w^{ch}: is very Considerable Advantage, and you will allsoe find the $Hono^{ble}$: $Comp^a$: to be Indebted to y^e Merchants on the Ballance of last Pag^s: 10,000.

You have often been pleased to hint us y^t: wee were not to take Example by Conimeer, which should by noe means doe, if were not obliged thereto for these Reasons, w^{ch}: are, y^t: you have been pleased Generally to furnish them with money soe as to make their Contract before us and our $Merch^{ts}$: and theirs are all Joynt stock, under other mens names, therefore tis not Reason to be thought they will doe one thing here and Another there, but must of necessity be the same.

If wee may be soe bold as to offer our opinion in the matter without offence, wee well Approve yo^{r}: Intentions of withdrawing these ffactorys Except you can be settled on better termes and have stock Enough to carry on the Trade as it ought to be, and to vye with our neighbours the Dutch, if you can be Assured our Remove would not be an Inlett to y^{e} Interlopers, if not, y^{e} Remidy would be worse then the disease, for certainly wee should soe much disoblige y^{e} Government thereby, y^{t}: they would give all Encouragem^{t}: to y^{m}: to settle, and the Issue of it would be bringing our Affaires into as great distraction as in the Bay but wee know yo^{r} prudence to be such, soe well to weigh and consider things as to prevent it what possible, thô could our Remove be Effected without the Danger thereof, it would very much Conduce to the Comp^{as}: Advantage; for 'tis certain one ffactory settled as it ought, might very well doe all the business of these parts, and the Charge of the Rest be saved.

Doubtless there is noe man that serves the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: soe Imprudent but to drive their Interest to the greatest hight, they having the Reputacon of it, w^{ch}: doe Assure you wee have not, nor never shall be wanting into our power, and have often & often us[d] all Arguments wth: the Merchants to oblige them to take of the Europe goods, and to provide others in Lieu thereof for the shipps, w^{ch}: they are by noe means to be obliged to doe on other termes then A new Investm^{t}: and have desired the favour if wee have noe Employment for them that they may seek it Else where, w^{ch}: have waved by promising them a supply this time & the other which hope will come att Last, otherwise they will all forsake us, and fear when wee shall have occasion, shall hardly meet with others to doe our business soe well, being noe less y^{n}: y^{e} worke of allmost 6 months to settle things on the Conditions they now are in but wee must leave all to yo^{r}: prudent Consideration.

The Reason our bookes have not been sent you all this while was the business wee have been Employed about att Porto Novo but in few dayes they shall be sent, being allmost transcribed, In the Interim According to your Order send you An Acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: as it stands therin, with y^{e} Tryall Ballance, to which desire you will please to be Referr'd, w^{ch}: with our kind salutes is the needfull from

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Yo^{r}: most humble & Obedi^{t}: servants
Jn^{o}: Davis.
Ralph Ingram.
Christ: Wilson.
Joseph Loe.

P.S.

You were pleas'd to Advise in yo^{r}: former your Intentions of sending M^{r}: King for this ffactory, wee therefore desire you will please to order him, y^{t}: he may be Assisting att the Embailing of our goods.

Id^{m}:
J.D.
R.I.
C.W.
J.L

COODALOOR Y^E 1^ST NOVEM^BR: 1685.

TO THE HONO^BLE: W^M: GYFFORD ESQ^R:
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R &C^A: COUNCIL
IN FORT S^T: GEORGE.

Hono^ble S^r: &c^a:

Our last was the 31^st: ult^o: In w^ch: advised y^e needfull in our Affaires to y^t: time, Since which hath been An unexpected change (w^ch: hope may be fully to youre sattisfaction in all things, being what all our Endeavours could never Effect before, notwithstanding soe often Repeated, and vehemently prest, acquainting our Merch^ts: that if they did not give the R^t: Hono^ble: Comp^a: better Encouragement for the Continuance of their settlement then hitherto done, yo^r: Resolves were speedily to withdraw these ffactorys, and they were to Expect noe further Investments, which is y^t: wee have obliged our Merchts: to give under their hands to stand to their proposalls for an Investment of Pag^s: 125000 for this yeare of w^ch: are to Advance to them Pag^s: 60000 in twenty dayes time, to deliver them to the Amount of Pag^s: 25000 in Europe goods (and what wee shall fall short of that to be delivered when wee shall have them on the same Investment) and they to bring in on Creditt Pag^s 4000 for w^ch: to be Allowed 9 ℔Cent ℔ Annum, after they have brought in to the Amo^t: of Pag^s: 5000 which is the Amount of what to be payd them in money & deliver'd in goods, of w^ch: they are to bring in to the Amo^t: [. . .] ℔ the 15^th January, and the Rest of the Investment to be [. . .] fine Aprill, which will be in good time for the Septemb^r: [. . .] permission may Arrive in good time for the Spring sales but if wee shall fall short of paying of 60,000 Pag^s: in the Aforesaid time, they are to be Excused from bringing in goods to that Amo^t: by the 15 January, The goods they are to bring in for y^e Aforesayd Investment is agreed to be of all sorts proportionable to y^e: Conimeer Contract, w^ch: proposalls if you Approve, desire you will please to order them to Remitt us Coppy thereof, and tho' you may possibly be short of Cash, yett wee doubt not but your zeal for y^e Comp^as: Interest, is such as to strayne hard Rather then to loose the Advantage thereof for doubtless yo^r: Creditt is much greater then to be att a stand to Effect it, the doing of w^ch: will in some measure supply the great dead Tonnage y^t: otherwise you may possibly have and wee hope the good Example of our Merchants may oblige the Porto Novo Gentlemen to doe the same, w^ch: if approved, shall with all Earnestness be urged to them, which is the needfull from

Hono^ble: S^r: &c^a:
Yo^r: most humble & most Obe^t: Serv^ts:
JN^O: DAVIS.
RALPH INGRAM.
CHRIS: WILSON.
JOSEPH LOE.

COODALOORE Y^E: 4^TH: NOV^BR 1685.

TO THE HONO^BLE: W^M: GYFFORD ESQ^R
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R: &C^A: COUNCIL
IN FORT S^T: GEORGE.

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a

Yours of the 29^th: ultimo Rec^d: and shall According to your order (as soon as the sloopes fitted) lade w^t: Bale goods shall be ready with y^e: Remainder of our Europe goods, after shall have supplyed M^r: Willcox &c^a: with what shall have occasion for (if you Revoke not your orders) and dispatch her towards you.

The ffactors provisions Advised to be sent, not Rec^d:, therefore Omitt to Creditt your Acc^t: Curr^t: for them till they shall.

Herewith remitt you our Gene^{ll}: Books for the last yeare (which desire you will please to order to be bound, not having Conveniency to doe it here) our Diary for the past month, wth: two scurrelous Letters of Complaint, one from M^{r}: Cawley, the other from M^{r}: Bullock in Answer thereto to w^{ch}: desire you will please to be Referr'd not thinking convenient to Register them without your order, w^{ch}: if you please to have done, desire you will please to Returne y^{m}: having taken no coppies of y^{m}:

Yesterday one Pew an Englishman produced A certificate signed by Cap^{t}: Betts for his free passage to Trinckombar, w^{ch}: suppose to be done by order of the President &c^{a}: therefore have ꝑmitted him free passage, and upon his Request have given him A Letter of Recommendacon to y^{e}: Govern^{r}: there to order y^{e} Delivery of his concerns, w^{ch}: with our kind salutes is y^{e}: needfull att present from

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Yo^{r}: most humble & Obed^{t}: Servants
Jn^{o}: Davis.
Ralph Ingram.
Christo^{r}: Wilson.
Joseph Loe.

Pray send some powder & shott, of w^{ch}: wee have Occasion having but very little Left, and please to lett it be English powder the other fouling our Armes soe very much, since y^{e} writing y^{e} former is Arrived the ffactors Provisions, our Diary shall be forwarded by our next.

Id^{m}:
J.D.
R.I.
C.W.
J.L.

Coodaloore Novemb^{r}: 14th: 1685.

To the Hono^{ble}: Will^{m}: Gyfford Esq^{r}:
President and Govern^{r}: &c^{a}: Council
In ffort S^{t}: George.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Yours of the 5th: and 7th: Curr^{t}: have Rec^{d}: to the needfull of w^{ch}: shall now Respectfully Reply.

Wee have often urged and prest the Porto Novo Merchants (who never yett stood us in any stead, being soe farr from willingly complying wth: any thing of Reason that it hath been done by Compulsion of the government (as you will find by our Diarys) to take of the Europe goods, and bring others in Lieu thereof (tho' could never prevail) given y^{m}: to understand how obliging a service it would be to you. Therefore hope our Endeavours will be Esteemed, nevertheless proving Ineffectuall.

Wee have Acquainted our Merc^{hts}: what you are pleased to order concerning [taking] of y^{e}: Abatement on Morees N^{o}: 7 att 17 pag^{s}: ꝑ Corge w^{ch}: they will by noe meanes conceed to, but desire as they have performed [. . .] to us in all Respects, y^{t}: you will please to order the same to [. . .] them, in taking of the Abatement at pag^{s}: 18 ꝑ corge as done [. . .] which Indeed is but reason, but w^{t}: you shall please to order [. . shall] be observed. Wee shall Acco^{t}: with the merchants for the Interest as done at Conimeer, for they will by noe meanes be obliged to Acco^{t}: for it from y^{e}: time of conclusion of the Investment, but from the time they were In disburse of their mony for the overplus of goods delivered by y^{m}: more y^{n}: pay'd for.

The Reason wee never made any proposalls for An Investment before w^{t}: Remitted you was because wee had noe Encour[a]gement from you for it and our merchants understanding there was one order'd att Conimeer, and being uneasy to be out of Employment whilst their neighbours were Employed, Acquainted us wth: what they thought convenient done there, w^{ch}: could not Confide, however after wee had discours'd them and obliged y^{m}: to better termes then what don there, as wee had been Informed, thought fitt to propose them to you for your Acceptance, w^{ch}: doubtless had they beeu soe, would not have been Rejected, and the Reason they were not, was because wee were wholly Ignorant of w^{t}: don att Conimeer (further y^{n}: by hearsay) w^{ch}: is mighty Inconvenyent, and may prove a very great prejudice to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: by y^{e}: merchants getting an Advantage of y^{m}: att one place or other (w^{ch}: would be for ever after a president to the other) by our not understanding their Affaires there, and they ours here, therefore for prevention thereof; desire you will please to order A ffriendly Correspondence to be held & y^{t}: nothing Relating to their Affairs be conceal'd, w^{ch}: shall not be wanting on our parts, for had wee been certainly Acquainted of w^{t}: done there, should have Endeavour'd of w^{t}: possible to have better'd it, and if we could not have conceeded to nothing y^{t}: had been Less.

Wee have Acquainted our Merchants with yo^{r}: dislike of w^{t}: had been proposed, and obliged them to undertake for an Investment to the same Amount as before advised on the Conditions of Conimeer, Except y^{t}: for what money they shall advance to have noe Interest Allowed them, till After the Investment shall be concluded, from w^{ch}: time to Allow y^{m}: Interest till it shall be payd and they obliged to bring in too the one halfe of the Amo^{t}: by y^{e} fine January and the other by the fine Aprill and the money to be Advanced to them to be payd by the ꝑ^{mo} December if not, to have soe much Longer time for bringing in w^{t}: they are to deliver by the fine Janu^{ry}: as they shall fall short of money, w^{ch}: if you approve shall be Confirm'd and proposed to the Porto Novo Merchants, who possibly may be obliged to doe the same, w^{ch}: is the needfull att present from

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Yo^{r}: most Humble & Obed^{t}: serv^{ts}:
Jn^{o}: Davis.
Chris: Wilson.
Joseph Loe.

M^{r}: Ingram is gon to Conimeer about some business there.

Id^{m}:
J.D.
C.W.
J.L.

Pettipolee y^{e} 6th: Novemb^{r}: 1685.

To the Hono^{ble}: W^{m}: Gyfford Esq^{r}
President & Govern^{r}: of Fort S^{t}:
George &c^{a}: Council.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Wee Rec̃d 2 of yours of the 10th: & 22^{d} past both w^{ch}: shall now Reply too, y^{t}: of y^{e} 10th was Chiefly your order to send us an Acco^{t}: of what Europe goods wee had to Madapollum, y^{t}: might supply y^{m}: if occasion required w^{ch} were accordingly complyed with, but as yett have not Rec̃d: their Answer wee have Rec^{d}: A Generall from M^{r}: Wales relating to the bad sortment of y^{e} Golcondah Cummum Betteelaes y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: complained off, a Coppy of w^{ch}: goes with this, yours of y^{e}: 23rd: Requires our Endeavours to obstruct y^{e}: Interlopers proceedings by obliging our Govern^{r}: to discourage y^{m}: w^{ch}: att present is not A time to discourse him about, he being very uneasy in his government by reason y^{e} Ci[r]kell his master has left Golcondah & gon to the Mogull, what may be done w^{n}: oppertunity ꝑsents our faithfull and uttmost diligence shall not be wanting to ꝑswaid him

with fair words or A small ℔r sent to discountenance them, our Advices Informe us y^{t}: Heath had not till within these 4 or 5 dayes given out any money to his merchants, and y^{e} sume they had was Pag^{s}: 25000 in silver: they Joyntly refused taken any sort of Europe goods, wee humbly Apprehend y^{e} troubles att Court will be A meanes to detard his Investment: till wee can meet with conveniency to discourse Hydra Cawn or any other to oblige them to molest him.

Wee have since Receipt of your last Sumoned our merchants, and communicated to them y^{t}: part of it Relating to their taking off A proportion of Europe goods but can by no meanes oblige y^{m}: to it they Alledging y^{t}: y^{e}: warrs att Golcondah wholly spoiles y^{e} vending any; att Another time they shall be very ready and willing to comply with any Reasonable quantity, they seeme well contented y^{t}: yo^{r}: Honrd: selves are pleased to think of Building A ffactory continuing firme to w^{t}: they formerly promis'd provided they may be Encourage[d]: wth: A sume to begin wth: which wee hope shall not want, y^{t}: wee as well as the Rest of our Neighbours may be Acting something.

You are pleased to Complain of y^{e} Expences of this ffactory for 7 mo^{s}: past more ℔ticularly of servants wages & charges Extraordinary, y^{e} servants Entertain'd are as few as possibly considering our Accomodations are soe Remote, and for the Charges Extraordinary they have been Augment^{d}: ℔ removalls An Acco^{t}: of w^{ch}: send now for [. . . .].

The Pago^{s}: 232 in the Acc^{t} [. . .] to be borrowed of Mullipa[r]az y^{e} stewards Brameny by [. . .] was wrong Entered in the Cash Book, and Accordingly [. . .] Copy of y^{e} consultacons &c^{a}: sent up to you, w^{ch}: wee have since Rectefyed the Ballance of y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Cash being p^{d}: by him y^{e}: 15th: May to Mullipa[r]az, and noe money was Rec^{d}: till y^{e} 3^{d}: of July, soe y^{t}: y^{e} Acco^{t}: for the month of June D^{r}: & C^{r}: was Enter'd ℔ mistake, since made void w^{ch}: with the tenders of our most Obedient service Concludes these from

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most Obedient Serv^{ts}:
RICH: BRERETON.
W^{M}: SHALES.

PETTIPOLEE Y^{E} 13TH OCTOB^{R}: 1685.

TO THE CHIEF M^{R}: RICHARD BRERETON &C^{A}: COUNCIL.

S^{rs}:

Yours of y^{e} 8th Curr^{t}: I Rec^{d}: the 11th: Ditto Containing A clause of the Honourable Presid^{t}: &c^{a}: Generall of the 21st: August, w^{ch}: Adviseth the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}; Comp^{as}: Complaint, Concerning y^{e} bad sortment of Golcondah & Cummum Betteelaes provided in Pettipolee in y^{e} yeare 1683, whereto I returne for Answer, that the Golcondah Betteelaes (for of Cummums none were Ever provided in that ffactory whilst I resided there) were sorted by M^{r}: Harris, M^{r}: Goddard and myself, and y^{t}: in the sortment, whatsoever of y^{m}: passed through my hands, were to y^{e} best of my skill & Judgement, Equivalent to the Musters, & further y^{t}: I sorted y^{t}: kind of goods with as much care and circumspection as possible I could, letting not one peece pass, y^{t}: was not fine Thread and Equally struck, Examining allmost Every fold in All the peeces that went from my hands y^{t}: soe none might pass w^{ch}: were Rowy, broken, uneaven, or Course Threaded wherein I am Conscious, I did the best service I was Capable for y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}; Comp^{as}: Advantage, nor was I less carefull to give in Charge to y^{e} second & warehousekeeper att all times of sortm^{t}: to take more then ordinary care in their Exact sortment of those goods, soe y^{t}: I hope y^{e}: Hono^{ble}: Presid^{t}: & Council will be sattisfied wth: this Declaration and belive y^{t}: noe Prejudice has Accrewed by any default of mine to [our] R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Masters, you write they was Charged att Pago^{s}: 3: 6 fanams ℔ peece Intreat you would see in the Bookes or Invoices if there is not Abatement upon them, I am sure there was 13 ℔ Cent upon one Investment if not both, as

to the Cummums as I have said Above there was never any bought in my time to y^e^ ffactory, this being the needfull att present I most Affeconately salute you and Remaine

S^rs^ :
Your most Affeconate ffriend & serv^t^ :
SAMUEL WALES.

CONIMEER NOVEMB^R^ : 16^TH^ : 1685.

TO THE HONO^BLE^ : W^M^ : GYFFORD ESQ^R^
PRESIDENT &C^A^ : COUNCIL IN FORT S^T^ : GEORGE

Hono^ble^ : S^r^ : &c^a^ :

Yours of the 26^th^ : 29^th^ ; & 31^st^ ; and of y^e^ 7^th^ : Instant shall now Respectfully Reply to, and humbly Returne our thanks, y^t^ : you were pleased to Approve of our Endeavours in the conclusion of our late business with our Merchants.

According to your orders wee have writt to Coodaloore for A List of their Europe goods, and having Received an Accompt from y^m^ : Acquainted our Merchants therewith, w^ch^ : having ꝑused after Consultacon amonge themselves they brought us for Answer, y^t^ : they were willing to take off 40 bailes of the Broad Cloth Ordin^ry^ : y^t^ : came upon the Kempthorne, and 5 bailes scarlett, but will b[y] noe meanes be prevailed with to meddle with there silver & Gold thread searges &c^a^ : and y^t^ : what they soe take must be brought to them hither, for they would not Recive it att Coodaloor, which Resolution and Answer of theirs, wee have Acquainted M^r^ : Davis &c^a^ : with.

Sloope Mary upon her Returne from Coodaloore if shee touches here will find much more then a Lading for her. Wee have Rec^d^ : y^e^ ffactors Provisions you were pleased to send us & shall give you Creditt for it Accordingly.

Wee have Rec^d^ : the Pag^s^ : 3,000 by the Peons and have since delivered it out to our Merchants they promise us fair, now since wee have had soe much Rain, y^e^ want of w^ch^ : before did much discourage y^m^ : and they will most certainly comply if Theeves and Robbers don't take away their cloth upon the Road the wayes being now Every where much Infested with them, w^ch^ : does in noe small measure Alarme them, wee take a great deale of care about the packing our Bailes, soe y^t^ : wee hope the R^t^ : Hono^ble^ : Comp^a^ : will have noe Reason to complaine any more of us on y^t^ : Acco^t^ : Wee had never presumed to have given you y^e^ : trouble [. . .]rances with y^m^ : att Coodaloor, had not M^r^ : Davis out [. . .] ordered us soe to doe but as it is the first, soe itt shall [. . .] time you shall have any thing of y^t^ : nature from us any more, 'tis our Earnest Desire to keep a ffriendly Correspondence with them, if possible but wee find M^r^ : Davis &c^a^ : will find out new Occasion of trouble, in ours of y^e^ 4^th^ : Ultimo, wee gave y^m^ : sattisfaction as to y^e^ Abatement upon the Morres and is in y^e^ same Lr̃e of y^e^ w^ch^ : wee sent you a Coppy to w^ch^ : please to be Referred, therefore he has done us wrong to make such Injurious Complaints as to that ꝑticular, and as to y^e^ Business of y^e^ Interest y^e^ Reason why wee gave them not such Immediate sattisfaction was because wee lookt upon what they writt to us to be only y^e^ Continuation of trouble and the occasion of new Disputes, for wee knew that their Accompts, Invoices and Books, have to this time gon on and been sent to the Fort, and Consequently y^e^ Abatement upon y^e^ morrese they must very well be Acquainted with therefore wee presume their writing to us about the Interest might be of y^e^ same leaven, wee presume it would become M^r^ : Davis &c^a^ : since they look upon themselves to be y^e^ head Factory to be contriving wayes to outdoe us, y^t^ : Instead of their taking Example from hence, wee should be taking our measures from them, but since he either cannot, or will not, he is Angrey with us, and will be contriving wayes for new Disputes and trouble [. . .] M^r^ : Davis &c^a^ : are out in their notion about y^e^ merchants in saying y^t^ : ours and theirs have but one Joynt stock not Rightly understanding what their Constitution is, 'tis true y^t^ : some of our

merchants are concerned with theirs, but then it's in A private Trade of their own, & herein they make up a Joynt Compª: but in the publick Joynt stock in the Rᵗ: Honoᵇˡᵉ: Compᵃˢ: trade their Intere[s]t are seperate & divided, and in this wee have made very ℔ticular Inquirys for if the Joynt stock were one, our Merchᵗˢ: could never conclude upon things without yᵉ concurrent opinion and consent of the others but of this wee very well know, ours, have never yett waited for an Answer from Coodaloor; and wᵗ: theirs doe, There 'tis done upon point of Honʳ: because 'twas done here first and therefore 'twould be a disgrace to yᵐ: did they not follow oʳ: Examples, and not because they are a Joynt Compª as Mʳ: Davis &cª: Intimate, wee have been yᵉ: Larger on this only in Vindication of our selves, and not to yᵉ prejudice or Injury of Mʳ: Davis &cª: in yᵉ least, wᶜʰ: with whome wee are now Composing all Differences, Mʳ: Ingram being come hither, he tells us partly on yᵗ: Accoᵗ: and to whome wee have given ℔ticular sattisfaçon to Mʳ: Davis his desires, and given him to understand all things aright to prevent any further Disputes between Coodaloor and this place, faithfully promising on our part not to give yᵉ least Occasion wᵗ: soever, and in Obedience to yoʳ: Commands preserve a mutuall Friendship and Correspondence between our selves for yᵉ future, wᶜʰ: being the Needfull att present these Remaining

Honoᵇˡᵉ: Sʳ: &cª:
Yoʳ: most Humble Servᵗˢ:
JOHN WILLCOX.
RICHᴰ: MILTON.
SIMON HOLCOMBE.

MADAPOLLᴹ: NOVEᴮᴿ: 6ᵀᴴ: 1685

To THE HONOᴮᴸᴱ: Wᴹ: GYFFORD EsQᴿ
PRESIDENT & GOVERNᴿ:
OF FORT Sᵀ: GEORGE.

Honoᵇˡᵉ: Sʳ: &cª:

Wee have Receivèd 4 Generall Lr̃s from yoʳ: Honʳ: &cª: wᶜʰ: wee have now before us to Answer, yᵉ: 1ˢᵗ bearing Date yᵉ 3ᵈ: Septembʳ: Recᵈ: the 14ᵗʰ: Ditto yᵉ 2ᵈ: of yᵉ 24ᵗʰ: Septembʳ: Recᵈ: yᵉ 8ᵗʰ: October yᵉ 3ᵈ: of the 29ᵗʰ: 7ber Recᵈ: yᵉ 13ᵗʰ: 8ᵇᵉʳ:, and yᵉ 4ᵗʰ Dated yᵉ 10ᵗʰ: 8ᵇᵉʳ:, Recᵈ: the 21ˢᵗ: following whereto wee shall now Reply in order.

The Merchants Differences were att Kitte Narrans departure composed amongst themselves whereof wee doubt not but yᵗ: he has given you an Accoᵗ:

The Tymbers Amounting to Pagoˢ: 500 of yᵉ Demenc̃ons of 24: 16 & 12 foot long, and of [. . .] as formerly wee spoke to Pendecon Anka, and Canc [. . .] provide, both wᶜʰ: persons Especially yᵉ Latter, hath [. . .] in the Tymber Countrey, but they are not as yett come downe they are shortly Expected and when they Arrive to yᵉ Amount of Pagˢ: 500 according to yᵉ Aforesaid Dementions, shall be chosen out, sound, good and streight, and be sent upon Countrey Boats (there being noe countrey ship here) yᵗ: is bound to the southward conformable to your orders.

Wee have Recᵈ: a Coppy of yᵉ Rᵗ: Honoᵇˡᵉ: Compᵃˢ: Lr̃e: wᶜʰ: came by the George, with a new List of goods to be provided wᶜʰ: shall be punctually observed, soe farr as wee can Especially in the new sort of goods brought in by yᵉ merchants of this ffactory Except wᵗ: prohibited in the List, & wee shall strictly observe yᵉ paper of Directions concerning the List and take Especiall care in the well sorting, and packing of yᵉ goods, Coppies of yᵉ List & said papers were upon Receipt of yᵐ: Transcribed & sent to Vizagapatam.

The Additionall Contract of yᵉ Merchants was made yᵉ 3ᵈ: of Septᵇʳ: last to yᵉ Amount of Pagoˢ: 15500 and their Differences to all appearance are Agreed and composed amongst themselves, wee have severall times heard Wordena Gruas Complaint, and find yᵗ: Mongaraz from his own Confession is not att all Indebted

to him, and as to his under Merchants, and their Acco^{ts}: with him they depend on himselfe and he can when he pleases command y^{m}: to an Adjustment thereof; and further he never Alledged this to us as A Reason for the Refusall of bringing in his Joynt money, but on the Contrary declared point blanck, he could nor would not, and thereupon volluntarily Resigned his shares to whosoever would take them and layd downe his Employm^{t}: of being A Merchant in this ffactory all w^{ch}: is known to Kitte Narran.

The Rece[i]pt of the Pagodaes 22731: 32fa: in money and Europe goods sent ℔ y^{e} Chandois is Acknowledged in your Gene^{ll}: of y^{e} 29th 7^{ber} advices y^{e} Recept of ours of y^{e} 7 ditto wee have made our Acco^{t}: Cash D^{r}: for the Pago^{s}: 5000 sent over land, w^{ch}: you order'd to be Delivered out for the provision of such goods as menc̃oned in the List [but not] procurable in this ffactory, Dungarees, and Izarees, only Excepted, w^{ch}: y^{e} merchants Absolutely refuse to provide att lower prices then they were sent home att in former yeares y^{e} vend of y^{e} Broad cloth they desire your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: to belive y^{t}: they have Endeavoured, and y^{t}: they are not Idle to Improve y^{t}: trade to Advance thereby y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Interest and consequently their own, but they say have Attempted it in vain, and alltogeather to there own Loss w^{ch}: lyes heavy upon some of y^{m}: they humbly Entreat y^{t}: it may be further considered, y^{t}: they have one sort of goods contrary to Agreem^{t} :put on y^{m}: w^{ch}: they cannot take because soe Considerable quantity of y^{e} same is still lying by them, and as to Abatement of some thing of y^{e} price w^{ch}: wee propounded to y^{m}: they have offered, and still offer, w^{t}: they have in their hands of that Comodity att A great loss, even to 6 Pag^{s}: on each ½ peece w^{ch}: is above one quarter part of the price and cannot put it off.

With your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: Gene^{ll}: of y^{e} 16th: 8^{ber}: last w^{ch}: came to hand the 21st: ditto wee Rec^{d}: 5000 Pago^{s}: more, of w^{ch}: 2 sum̃es, wee have not yett delivered any part to o^{r}: Merchants in Regard of the Troubles at Golcondah by the Mogulls Invasion, y^{e} Terror of w^{ch}: Extends to these parts, and has put all persons into A fearfull Apprehention of y^{e} Event however wee desired them to Enlarge y^{e} provision of goods by writing to the Merchants and weavers in the Countrey with whom they Correspond, w^{ch}: they have promised to doe if possible but dare not ventur[e] more money till they see some probable Assurance of being [. . .] y^{e} Rapine and violence of y^{e} Officers in y^{e} [. . .] who have seized upon severall of Mad[a]na, and Akanas [. . .] were governours in these parts, and spare none who had any Dependance upon y^{m}:, not Regarding their Roccaes, or passes, but stop or take away whatsoever goods they can lay hold off.

From Metchlepatam wee have Advice y^{t}: they have noe Europe goods to make up the sortment wth: those wee have here, nor have wee from Pettipolee any Advices y^{t}: they have wherewith to doe it, wee shall write to them to know what sorts they are furnished with, and in the mean time shall use w^{t}: further Arguments wee can to Induce our Merchants to take of y^{e} Broadcloth here proportionable to the money they have Rec^{d}: as allsoe to advance upon Creditt of y^{e} usuall sorts of goods sent from hence, of w^{ch}: they have not yett given us any Certain Assurance, wee did write yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: in our last, y^{t}: wee would Endeavour to prevail with Collepelle Narso, Gola Perre Chitte, and Sancho Narso, who are y^{e} only Able Merchants to Advance on Creditt, Each man Respectively A quantity of goods, but they have not as formerly Advised, consented thereto and y^{e} troubles now in the Countrey makes y^{m}: more backward because they fear y^{t}: such part of their own stocks as is Imployed may be with Difficulty Invested or Retrived.

As wee were about to close this Letter A Gen^{ll}: from your Hono^{r}: &c^{a} dated the 22^{d}: curr^{t}: came to hand whereto wee thought convenient to Reply. This conveyance, wee shall this day write ℔ your peons to Vizagapatam concerning y^{e} provision of y^{e} Tymbers of Hard wood, for the Sugar Mills att S^{t}: Helena, and Acquain[t] M^{r}: Browne &c^{a}: with those orders you sent to us about y^{m}: and the Dementions they are to be off, wee shall allsoe send therwith such Directions as Sancho Narso shall give us of the ℔ticular place w^{n}: they are to be provided wee are now Ready to beginn o^{r}: sortm^{t} : of w^{ch}: goods having this day sorted 500

Ginghams brown, w^ch^: are Embailing, and shall take care to be in as much forwardness as possible wee can against y^e^ Arrivall of y^e^ first ship from y^r^ Bay, and allsoe y^e^ Bailes in Readiness, shall be Laden upon her as you Enorder, as alsoe y^e^ Remainder upon the next that comes, wee shall again press our Merchants for Creditt w^ch^: hope wee may obtain if y^e^ premencõned Troubles in y^e^ Countrey give noe Impediment thereto, and to Encourage y^m^: thereto shall lett y^m^: know yo^r^: Hono^r^: &c^a^: pleasure in dissaproving the poore Merch^ts^: pretences to share with them in the proffitts of w^t^: they shall Creditt to y^e^: R^t^: Hono^ble^: Comp^a^: The only hindran[ce] of putting of y^e^ Europe goods is the want of scarlett, and other sorts as before mencõned, wee shall not omitt our uttmost Endeavours to prevail with the Merchants if possible to take y^m^: The Factors provisions, & Gold, & silver Thread, Invoice whereof came Inclosed in yo^r^: last Genell: are not yett Arriv'd wee shall make Tryall w^t^: other Merchants will say to the Comodity and give Answer in our next.

Wee have herewith sent you o^r^: Diary, Consultacõns And Acco^t^: of cash, and stewards Acco^t^: Currant for the 2 preceeding months, y^e^ Sloop or vessell of 120 or 130 Tonns, yo^r^: Hon^r^: [&c^a^] Enordered to be built is in great forwardness, 'tis the opinion of Sancho Narso, and the Carpenters, shee will Require 3 masts, w^ch^: wee Entreat y^r^: order about, and y^t^: you will please to Appoint some ꝑsons to take charge of her as Master, here being noe Pilotts in these parts wee have not further to Add att Present, save the Tender of our most humble services presented from

Hono^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:
y^r^: Faithfull & most humble Serv^ts^:
Sam: Wales.
Benj^N^: Northey.
Charles Fownes.

Vizagapat: [. . .]

To the Hono^ble^: W^m^: Gyfford Esq^r^ Presiden^t^: &c^a^: Council.

Hono^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^.

Since the Dispatch of our Gener^ll^: of y^e^: prime Ins^t^: wee have Rec^d^: yours Dated y^e^: 3^d^: & 24^th^: of Septemb^r^: upon y^e^: 3^d^: and 15^th^: of 8^ber^: following as alsoe yo^rs^: of 3^d^: August and yo^r^: last dated y^e^: 10^th^: Instant Rec^d^: yesterday w^ch^: shall now ꝑticularly Reply to.

The Directions you are pleased to give concerning Paddy and Rice, shall be Punctually observed, and wee shall prevail with our people to send up A quantity on their ꝑticular Acco^ts^:, in which an Encouraging markett will be A prevailent Inducement wherin have given Assurance y^t^: yo^r^: Occasions may be supplyed, thô: grain here y^s^ yeare is allsoe scarce for want of Rain.

By yo^r^: Peons overland have Rec^d^: y^e^ Pago^s^: 10,000 Consigned us by them, and have allready fully Invested the same, having before its Arrivall Engaged our Merchants, for A Latter Investment, to y^e^ Amo^t^: w^ch^ is allready brought in, and att y^e^ Washers, soe doubt not but to send full Returns by y^e^ first shipp from the Bay, Excepting Europe Manufactories, w^ch^: will not att any rate vend here, therefore must Returne y^m^: to you again, and Indeed our merchants goe on soe chearfully, and sattisfactory w^th^: the business, y^t^: Encourages us to beleive this ffactory may in time, prove very Benefactory to our R^t^: Hono^ble^: Masters, and Rich^d^: Browne upon his Repair to y^e^: Fort will make such proposalls for y^e^ Improvement of our Settlement here, as to Incline you to have A speciall regard thereof, and hopes you will please to favour him in Allowing his Charges up as well as yo^r^ ꝑmission, for w^ch^: Renders his humble thanks.

George Ramsdens obligacon is delivered him having fully sattisfied all Demands.

Sloop Thomas should have sent upon Agreeable to Directions, had your Advices Arrived in Season but after y^e^ Moonsoon is over shall dispatch her [to you . . .] with her Cargoe from y^e^ Bay, w^ch^: is but of little vallue and

humbly salute to have her Appointed for this ffactory being A very suitable vessell for this place and Business.

John Oneal and y^e^ Dubash have Appointed for y^s^: Factory Arrived here upon sloope Gingerley, y^e^ former shall take due notice of y^e^ time and termes he is Entertain'd upon, and y^e^ latter soe well Instructed, doubt not, but y^t^: he will prove more deserving y^n^: o^r^: formerly Dubash.

The Muster of stript Betteelaes have given to our merchants and hope therin to Answ^r^: yo^r^: Expectacõns.

Herewith wee send you Transcripts of o^r^: Consultacõns Acco^t^: Cash and Stewards Acco^ts^: w^ch^: being w^t^: wee have att present to Advise wee Respectfully Remaine

Hono^ble^ S^r^: &c^a^:

Your very humble servants
R^D^: Browne.
Geo. Ramsden.
Charles Fleetwood.

P.S. Inclosed comes his Excellency y^e^ Seir lascarr letter to his Hon^r^: y^e^ President.

R.B.
G.R.
C.F.

Translate of A Lr̃e from y^e^ Seir lascarr of y^e^ Carlinga Countrey to y^e^ Hono^ble^: W^m^: Gyfford Esq^r^ 1685.

I have Rec^d^: yo^r^: Hon^r^: Lr̃e and have Observed the Contents thereof, before you Rec^d^: my Lr̃e I understood according to my Request to M^r^: Browne you had sent me ℔ sloop Gingerly y^e^ powder, and lead and saltpetre I desired of him w^ch^: I have Rec^d^: in a good and Acceptable time, w^ch^: has done me a great kindness, yo^r^: Hon^r^: is pleas'd to Intimate to me in your Lr̃e that I must take care of y^e^ Comp^as^: business and I shall Accordingly see it done as if it was my own, M^r^: Browne [. . .] fitting & understanding ℔son in y^e^ Comp^as^: Business, and [. . .] of me y^t^: I shall doe, pray keep your love towards [. . .] Command me of yo^r^: service.

Metchlepatam y^e^ 11^th^ 9^ber^: 1685.

To the Hono^ble^: W^m^: Gyfford Esq^r^
President & Govern^r^: & Council.

Hono^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^

Our last to you was of y^e^ 22^d^: past month since which is come to hand yo^rs^: of the same date, to w^ch^: reply, wee shall use our best Endeavours to bring an Abatement upon y^e^ Sarserguntees According to your order, and doubt not to Effect it in A seasonable time After this years business is over.

Wee have payd our Merchants y^e^ Pago^s^: 10000 you sent us, who are not willing to comply with their former contract of 30000 and with y^e^ Advance of 2000 more to make each mans share 1000 Pago^s^: they promise to bring in 40000 Pago^s^: worth of goods but wee are not in Cash else should Accept thereof, wee have sufficiently pressed y^m^: to the taking of Europe goods, but as yett cannot prevail, for the Reasons Menc̃oning in our former, and Indeed y^e^ times are soe now in these parts y^t^: all people are full of feares, and know not how to secure their Estates in money, much less in goods, but if A settlement speedily Ensues (as wee are in great hopes of) doubt not to gett off our Europe goods to content y^e^ Madapollum Merc^ts^: have lately offered Broadcloth att 16 Pag^s^: ℔ peece and doe belive would be content with 15 ready money but none cares to purchace it att any Rate.

Robert Freeman ownes y^e^ Hono^ble^ : Presid^t^ : did Acquaint him upon Arrivall of y^e^ first two ships y^t^ : the stock from Europe would be but small this year and Accordingly upon his Arrivall hither did discourse o^r^ : Merchants but without some money in hand which they were sensible all other ffactorys had [. . .] would be brought to nothing, but now are pretty well satisfied and goe on with their business Che[a]rfully, wee are of opinion they will bring in A Considerable quantity of goods of y^e^ same sorts more y^n^ : Contracted for, and in such case, desire to know whether wee may Receive them, or not att the former prices for they will be brought to noe Abatement y^s^ : yeare.

It's not with our own Merch^ts^ : y^t^ : wee have bargained for y^e^ Romalls &c^a^ : they refusing to meddle with them att those Rates, therefore cannot be brought into the Contract of 30000 Pago^s^ : but w^n^ : they come in, wee shall use o^r^ : Interest to take up money for y^e^ payment of them.

Soe soon as the season will ℔mitt we shall send you the 4 horses, w^ch^ : if much wanted in the Bay may in A very short time be sent thither supposing conveyances from yo^r^ : Port will present in the month of February.

To your Clause concerning y^e^ Dollers brought out upon y^e^ Interlopers, Robert Freeman Replyes y^t^ : he is very sensible y^e^ 2 ℔ Cent Freight homeward must be payd to the R^t^ : Hono^ble^ : Comp^a^ : but he understood your meaning before to outw^d^ : and for y^e^ 2½ Commission ' tis but A small matter and since noe Evading of it must be Allowed.

The Gold, and silver Thread, and Factors Provisions wee have Rec^d^: According to Invoice, & dispatch y^e^ 3 boxes ordered for Vizagapatam, wee have discoursed our Merchants concerning taking it off, but y^e^ prices they strangly Admire att, and say ' tis to[o] fine for any use they can put it too, but if wee will propose A way to have it Expended in goods, and take y^m^ : off their hands w^n^ : done att a proporc̃onable Rate they are willing to take of the Thread, Else not.

Last night wee gave the Govern^r^ of this place A vissit and Discours't him concerning the Persia ffreight who now tells us it can be but small by reason [of the] Troubles att Golcondah, noe person can stirr in or out [. . .] have passage, y^e^ Dutch Peons and our owne have been [. . .] forced Back with stripes, notwithstanding they went as fackeers here are some Merchants belowe, w^ch^ : offer to goe upon our ship but can Engage for noe Considerable goods, wee have Agreed to provide A Shipp sufficient to carry them, and their goods, w^ch^ : are to give us A true Acco^t^ : off by y^e^ ult^o^ : y^t^ : month if you could help us to A small shipp, and find some other Employ for y^e^ Kempthorne might possibly be of more Advantage to o^r^ : Hono^ble^ : Employers for wee fear y^e^ ffreight this year will hardly be sufficient to bare her Demorage, but had not y^e^ Difference happen'd 't would certainly have been very great.

The newes is now here y^t^ : y^e^ King of Golcondah is making an Agreement for peace, and allmost alltogeather Concluded for 150 lack of Rupees, y^e^ Mogull either : dead or dangerously sick, y^e^ Dutch att Golcondah forced to pay Shaw Alla[m] 50,000 Rupees for not lending him 2 Lack when demanded our Govern^r^ : stands upon A Ticklish foundac̃on, his Master the Cirkell proving a Traytor, and fled to the Mogulls Camp, Madana and Accana are certainly cutt off with severall other Bramanies y^t^ : are under his Employ, w^ch^ : is all and the Needfull to Trouble you with, from

Hono^ble^ : S^r^ : &c^a^ :
Yo^r^ : most Humble & most obe^t^ : Serv^ts^ :

ROB : FREEMAN.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.
SAM^LL^ : SWYNOKE.

P.S.

Samuel Swynoke coming from Vizagapatam in y^e^ month of 8^ber^ : 84 to be third of this ffactory, his wages is charged in our books but from y^e^ 29^th^ : Septemb^r^ : before & he arrived To Fort S^t^ : George as he sayes y^e^ 16^th^ : of June

upon ship Resolucõn for w^ch^ : time noe wages was Allowed him by M^r^ : Browne, Therefore humbly Entreat yo^r^ : Hono^r^ : to give order for The Payment Thereof, Id^m^ :

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METCHLEPATAM Y^E^ 11^TH^ : 9^BER^ : 1685.

TO THE HONO^BLE^ : W^M^ : GYFFORD ESQ^R^
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R^ : &C^A^ : COUNCIL

Hono^ble^ : S^r^ ; &c^a^ :

Yours of y^e^ 22^d^ Curr^t^ : have Rec^d^ : to w^ch^ : reply, y^t^ : while I was att Coodaloor by consent and Approbation of y^e^ Council there, 500 Pago^s^ : was deliverd, China Tomba Marcall upon y^e^ R^t^ : Hono^ble^ : Comp^as^ : Acco^t^ : to provide goods w^ch^ : money was payd to him by M^r^ : Browne y^e^ : 2^d^ : there, and Entred into Consultacõn, w^h^ : suppose you will find upon Examinacõn, A Bill allsoe was taken under his hand, and as I understand Delivered to yo^r^ :selves by said M^r^ : Browne, and y^t^ : M^r^ : Willcox carryed it with him when he went for Conimeer, and since it's now become A bad Debt perceive you are willing to put it upon me, and Creditt his falce Tongue, beyond my selfe & Council which if reasonable, I am ready to make it good, else not for wee Acted in all things while there, to the best of my Judgement, and y^s^ : man was then of Repute enough for such A trust and greater, and had wee settled y^n^ : y^e^ danger had been known, but being forced to Remove suppose he has been Instigated to play y^e^ Knave as he does.

I have never yett kept him prisoner nor well knew the meaning for your sending him downe hither, unless had been Accompanied with his Bill, and y^n^ : would have putt him to y^t^ : Justice since you did not think fitt to doe as might possibly have forcst him to an honest Complyance or given him y^e^ Due Reward of A villain, he is att his Liberty to Return to you when he pleases, or you Command him which is all I can say to this business, Therefore humbly Conclude

Hono^ble^ : S^r^ : &c^a^ :
Your most obed^t^ : faithfull Serv^t^ :
ROBERT FREEMAN.

TRANSLATE OF A LR̃E FROM [HARJA] RAJA FROM BALLAPOOR TO THE [HONO^BLE^ W^M^] GYFFORD ESQ^R^ PRESIDENT DATED NOVEMB^R^ : 1685.

I Enjoy good health and hope your Hon^r^ : doth the same I understand by Gopall Punditt of all yo^r^ : greatness, and y^t^ : you have A great kindness for me, he allsoe gave me to understand att Large all y^t^ : you Acquainted him with about y^e^ : Hono^ble^ : Comp^as^ : Affairs w^ch^ : I discoursed him about, and Referr yo^r^ : Hon^r^ : to his Lr̃e yo^r^ : Hon^r^ : being A very understanding Person, I shall not Enlarge only desire often to be Accquainted w^th^ : y^e^ : newes of your Hono^rs^ : health.

TO THE GENTLEMEN ENGLISH FRIENDS
CONCERNING THE SAME HONO^BLE^ : EAST INDIA
COMPANY ATT INDRAPOURA.

Gentlemen & good ffriends.

The great Affection and Respects wee owe to the Hono^ble^ : Company and Nation, as being of one Belivfe and old confident ffriends, Caused us to have such great care for M^r^ : Jinking Watkin who come with a Lr̃e from M^r^ : Clement du Jardin and Council within Comp^as^ : paggett att Troussam, y^t^ : wee could not send him back again to Indrapoura till present going in his hand this our Lr̃e and A protest from my Lord Gen^ll^ : and Council att Batavia to y^e^ R^t^ : Hono^ble^ : S^r^ : W^m^ : Gyfford Govern^r^ : of y^e^ Fort S^t^ : George att Madrass and likewise M^r^ : Clement du Jardin and his Council att Indrapoura written both in Dutch & French Lingua w^ch^ : M^r^ : Jinking Watkin is Imparted in y^e^ English Tongue whereto wee Referr

ourselves as needless to doe any Addition in this one further Answer upon Foresaid Letter being such & all what we have to say att present in y^e^ sayd protest Inserted, therew^th^: your Leave wee shall Expect A Just Requirable Answer to [. .] our selves there Annent Remaining

PADANG
IN OUR COMP^AS^ FORT THIS
13 DAY OF AUGUST
ANO: 1685: N: S.

Gentlemen
Your very Affeĉonate and Ready ffriends
IN

VAN LEENE.
JACOBUS COUPER.
ABRAHAM BONDEN.
FFREDERICK POLL.
HEND^K^ DE JONG.
J. GOFFMAN.

TO THE HONO^BLE^: W^M^: GYFFORD ESQ^R^
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R^: &C^A^: COUNCIL
ATT FORT S^T^: GEORGE.

Right Hono^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

When wee Left Bencoolen wee ordered M^r^: Bloome to send you A Coppie of our Transactions of y^e^ Affaires of y^t^: place and therefore shall now give yo^r^: Hon^r^: &c^a^: but A Concise Acco^t^: of our Affaires untill our Departur[e] from that place:

After A Tedious passage off nere two months from Madrass wee Arrived Att Bencoolen in the Criticall minute, for att the same time Appeared in sight three Dutch shipps bound for y^t^: place but upon our Anchoring there they came no further then Syllabar, Bencoolen and y^e^ Adjacent Rivers Afford more pepper then any place upon this Island for from thence came all the Pepp^r^ y^t^: used to be vented Att Syllabarr, and therefore wee concluded it Necessary not to foregoe this place but to divide our strength and to secure this place before our going to Priaman in regard the Dutch lay ready at Syllabar seized on it out of whose hands it would be Impossible [. . . .] it, if Priaman should have proved otherwise then y^e^ [. . . .] promised w^ch^: they gave us some Reason to suspect by their Earnest pressing us to secure Bencoolen, The place is wholly given up to y^e^ Jurisdiction of y^e^ Hono^ble^: Comp^a^: and they to Impose w^t^: Custome or Toul they shall think fitt.

A Coppie of y^e^ Articles you have in the Diary Booke with Acco^t^: of our solemnity at our taking possession thereof; Pepper wee buy cheaper there then any where Else, and have before wee come away from thence brought y^e^ Baharr to 500 pound weight, wee Landed 18 Gunns for the security of y^e^ place and have Left y^e^ Cheif strength of our Garrison there, thô att first wee Intended not soe many, but hearing of y^e^ Dutch there great Threatning our Expulsion wee left it the stronger untill wee should see further Occasion to withdraw y^m^: wee stayd here about six weekes in w^ch^: time wee began to Fortifie y^e^ Acco^t^: of its progress wee must leave to M^r^: Bloomee, & from thence w^ch^: they will send by y^e^ Resolution.

As for the place wee look upon it to be very healthfull, tho' many of our people fell sick w^ch^ we doe Attribute to their want of Lodging, as for y^e^ Road wee humbly Reffer yo^r^: Hon^r^: &c^a^: to the Opinions of y^e^: Cap^t^: thô wee belive it neve[r] blowes hard soe as to raise any violent storme, for if y^e^ wind be furious it is of short Continuance soe y^t^: before y^e^: sea is Raised the wind is downe, Orankey Lelly denys his Debt to the Hono^ble^: Comp^a^: to be above 400 Doll^rs^: and sayes he paid y^e^ Rest to M^r^: Clem^t^: du Jardin, when wee urged his Bill he sayes that Cap^t^: Spencer forced him to sett his hand to it therefore desire A ꝑticular

Acco^{t}: to be sent us as it stand in the Journall of y^{t}: voyage as likewise An Acco^{t}: from M^{r}: Jardin what money he Rec^{d}: there Arrived att Bencoolen y^{e} Charles Cap^{t}: President Command^{r}: being sent out by y^{e} Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: for the procury of Pepper, he offer'd to be att our Dispose and deliver up his Cargoe to us for y^{e} purchase of Pepper w^{ch}: wee considering the want of Tonnage with you and but little to supply these two ships thought not fitting to Accept and not being Able to promise him any for y^{e} present, he went for y^{e} other places as he is ordered, but withall promis'd him if there came noe shipps from Madras this Moonsoon, y^{t}: if he procured not his Loaden whether he now went y^{t} wee would supply him with what Pepper wee could att his Returne, wee having settled Affaires att Bencoolen thought fitt to leave Cap^{t}: Heath as well to Countenance the place as to Rec[e]ive w^{t}: Pepper could be gott att Bencoolen and bring it After us to Lade on Board y^{e} Resolution if wee could have in y^{e} other places procured sufficient quantity with y^{t}: to have Loaded her home, and therefore proceeded on y^{e} Resolution with the Sloop Charles having sent y^{e} William before, wee stay'd out about 14 dayes, and att Last were forcst to put back again, y^{e} master of y^{e} sloop fell sick in the voyage and therefore Left the Shipp and gained her Passage to Ind[ra]poura where he since died wee were Resolved Notwithstanding this not to desist from proceeding to Ind[ra]poura, & thence to Priaman, and therefore did with all possible speed load what wee thought fitt on board the Deffence & proceed for Ind[ra]poura where wee Arrived y^{e} 14th: of Septemb^{r}:, this Dissapointment has been of great Inconvenience to us having hardly time to unlade y^{e} ship, and to ship of a small quantity of Pepper now sent you y^{e} year being soe much spent wee Resolve to Returne the Defence and to proceed on the sloop for Priaman After dispatch, but when wee had been here about 2 dayes Arrived A Prow from y^{t} place and Acquainted us y^{t}: it was delivered to y^{e} Dutch in May and therefore wee have given up all thoughts of going there In person, while the Dutch are posest thereof y^{e} Rajas make slight of [. . . .] to possess us thereof if wee will goe, w^{ch}: wee have told the [. . . .]cannot conveniently doe in Regard y^{e} Dutch, and wee are [. . . . .] ffriends but y^{t} wee Expect they should first Expell y^{e} Dutch and then wee are free to settle, wee will therefore for your better ordering and Instructing us in this bussiness give you an Account of these places as wee have learnt from persons Acquainted in both, Priaman is y^{e} greatest place on this side y^{e} Island for y^{e} vent of goods but produces but little Pepper of it selfe, Indrapoura, and Bencoolen, and that Tract of Land betwixt y^{m}: are y^{e} Places where y^{e} Pepper growes and therefore fittest in o^{r}: Opinions for y^{e} Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Designe for it is not probable y^{e} Dutch will suffer any Pepper to pass them if wee are not where it growes.

The Rajas of Priaman wee still keep with us and shall keep y^{e} Bussiness in suspence untill yo^{r}: order Intending to send one of y^{e} sloopes to the Norward for A further Discovery of y^{e} Trade y^{t}: way for wee have great Reason to suspect y^{t}: y^{e} Dutch have settled there not soe much for Acco^{t}: of Pepper as for A great vent for goods in those places for which they Receive Gold att Cheap Rates for to the norward of Indrapoura there growes but little Pepper, and therefore they are creeping into all places to prevent us and are now come to [Har] ja Rajas within 4 Leagues of us.

Wee have had noe time to treat with y^{e} Emperour yett about our settlement here, but Act only on his Cowl give[n] to M^{r}: Jardin, nor shall conclude on none untill y^{e} Return of his Embassadors from you unless wee can have the same as Priaman and Bencoolen, wee found here A protest from y^{e} Gener^{ll}: of Batavia w^{ch}: wee have now sent you as likewise his Lre to the Emperour, and his Answer of w^{ch}: wee desire a Coppie in English, there being none with us y^{t}: understood Dutch, w^{t}: y^{e} Emperours Answer was Tegana y^{t}: comes now will Informe yo^{r}: Hono^{r}: &c^{a}: if there being none to Read Malyes, upon the Defence Returnes M^{r}: Jinkin Watkins whome M^{r}: Jardin sent to the Dutch with some Letters by whome he has been kept [. . .] A Prisoner allmost ever since and undergon a great deal of hardship to y^{e} hazard wee fear of his Life he carryed himselfe very handsomely there notwithstanding all their contrivances to Insnare him, and

therefore Recommend to yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: Consideration; by y^{e} same shipp returnes two Left here by M^{r}: Jardin one whereof belonged to y^{e} sloop y^{e} other to the Amoy, whose business is to Look after their wages due from y^{e} Amoy, wee hope your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: will give y^{m}: yo^{r}: Councell: and Assistance what is to be done therein, they have Rec^{d}: nine Dollers of us for which they are to bee Accountable.

Wee cannot sufficiently Recommend Cap^{t}: Heaths Readiness to Assist us in all things relating to the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: service both with his Councell, Men & Boats on all Occasions to y^{e} great furthering y^{e} Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Affaires and our great sattisfaction, notwithstanding most of his crew be very sick, and therefore Earnestly Recommend him to yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: kind Reception, and Recommendation to our Hono^{ble}: Employers, for he has worthyly deserved it These places Viz^{t}: Bencoolen Alias York Fort & Indrapoura are scarce of all provisions wee cannot gett Rice sufficient to maintaine us two dayes togeather, and sometimes none att all for these People plant noe more y^{n}: Just suffices their own Expence and therefore wee Earnestly desire y^{t} A sloop may be dispatched with all speed away for this place with Rice and other Provisions Especially Live Hoggs otherwise wee shall not be Able to subsist two dayes if any Difference should happen the Natives and us, nor Indeed well withall their Assistance, wee shall supply this place and send y^{e} Rest to Yorke Fort.

Wee have made A most sorry shift to unlade the Shipp in Little Canneus, and therefore, wee desire yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: to supply this place & Bencoolen by the first oppertunity with tenn Mussulaes each otherwise nothing can be Laded or Unladed without Infinite Hazard, Trouble and Cost with them be pleased to send two setts [of] Mussulaes men for y^{e} Instructing and managing these people [. . .] mending of them, wee want much help of Factors and writers and therefore Intreat yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: Earnestly to send a Large supply of Able men; Wee have besides what came from Bencoolen sent you 122 Baharr from this place as ℔ Invoice; wee shall make it our whole Business to have A good quantity of Pepper Allwayes ready here upon all Occasions, w^{t}: goods are properest for our Markett shall Advise ℔ next, as likewise of y^{e} Governm^{t}: & policy (if any) of these countreys when wee have been Amonge them A Little Longer. Wee desire you to supply us with men, materialls for the minting money as soon as may, w^{ch}: with the Tender of o^{r}: Respectfull service is All Att present from yo^{r}: humble Servants

RALPH ORD.
THOMAS STUBBS.

INDRAPOUR OCTOB^{R}: Y^{E} 9TH:

ANNOQ DNI 1685.

To CAP^{T}: W^{M}: HEATH.
S^{r}:

Wee have Loaded Aboard you what Pepper wee can att present Load without detaining you to y^{e} Endangering yo^{r}: Passage, you are therefore (the first wind ℔mitting) to weigh Anchor, and Bend yo^{r}: Course for y^{e}: speediest Attaining y^{e} Road of Vizagapatam, from whence you are to Advise M^{r}: Richard Browne Chief &c^{a}: Council of yo^{r}: Arrivall who doubtless have order for yo^{r}: further Dispatch, you are to Receive aboard you for y^{e}: Coast Tegana Dubash with his servants & necessaries and three English men who were Left here by M^{r}: Jardin.

Our hearty wishes shall Accompany you for y^{e}: health of yo^{r}: men and the Wellfair of yo^{r}: voyage w^{ch}: will be Acceptable newes to yo^{r}:

Affeĉonate ffriends
RALPH ORD.
THOMAS STUBBS.

INDRAPOURA OCTOB^{R}: Y^{E} 10TH:

1685.

The Governo^{r}: Generall Joannes Camphuys & Council for y^{e}: state of the Neatherlands Previledged East India Company send this Lr̃e to Jang des Purtuan Sultan Mametchia, Supream Ruler and y^{e} 20 montrys of y^{e} Kingdom Indrapoura, thereby making y^{e}: same to know, y^{t}: wee to o^{r}: great Admiration did understand by the Last Lr̃e of o^{r}: Command^{r}: of s^{d}: west coast by name Joan Van Lenen; y^{t}: Sultan Mametchia who as well as his predecessors had Rec^{d}: soe much Benefitts and Assistance of y^{e} Comp^{a}: against the Acheend^{rs}: & other their Enymies as to be Restored again to their Kingdome of Indrapoura for w^{ch}: they have been for severall yeares bound and obliged to the Comp^{a}: should not have forgotten only, but allsoe, taken part and sided with y^{e} English, making with y^{e}: same both A Contract Exclusive of trade and Resigning alsoe y^{e} Countrey to them & by soe doing have most shamefully broken y^{e} Alliance with the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: of y^{e} yeare 1664 (after y^{e} Expultion of the Acheenders who had Invaded y^{e} said Kingdome) and all other contracts most solemnly Established afterwards and more Especially y^{t}: w^{ch}: was made, Renovate & Rattified In our name the year 1680 by the Commissary Laurens Pitt, w^{ch}: since it be A matter of soe Ill Nature and pernitious Consequence wee hardly could give Creditt thereunto, had not the Sultan himselfe sent Advice thereoff In writing to o^{r}: Command^{r}: Joan Van Lenen, but would have taken it to be a meer Invention and pretention of the English as Indeed y^{e} Govern^{r} Gene^{ll}: & Council of India must declare still to Doubt whether y^{e} s^{d} Lr̃e was written by the Sultan himselfe or y^{t}: it was Indited by y^{e} English and soe sent to o^{r}: people for A True Lr̃e of y^{e} Sultan, however wee are obliged to think if it be true that Sultan Mametchia, as is foresaid hath Revolted y^{e} Comp^{a}: that was caused either by Compultion, prevarication or subordination of y^{e} English, and Consequently when he shall Consider by himselfe y^{e} good Affection of y^{e} Comp^{a}: And their faithfull Assistance how next under God He hath been Restored Maintained and allwayes protected and Defended by them, In his Kingdome, he would be Ashame[d] of w^{t} he has don And Really Repent with due Regrett thereof, and Accordingly long to put himselfe Again under y^{e} Comp^{as}: Pro[tection] In w^{ch}: case he may find us tractable to pardon y^{e} Revolt foresaid Otherwise Sultan Mametchia may easily conceive to have deserved o^{r}: highest Indignation & Ire and not to doubt y^{t}: wee wth o^{r}: present and other forces yett to follow (for y^{e} west Coast) will reduce the said Sultan to his Duty, and Obligac̃on and this att Least soe Easily as wee have been good and powerfull Enough to have Restored & Deffended him all A long, (by Expelling his Enymies when he was forced for to Avoid y^{e} Rage of y^{e} Acheeners, and others, and to fly and forsake y^{e} Afores^{d}: Kingdome) therefore y^{e} Govern^{r}: Generll: & Council of India Admonished Sultan Mametchia, and y^{e} 20 montrys of Indrapoura, as Likewise Bàdia Adill, and the 18 montrys to Majutta and y^{e} Territories thereon Depending once more to Consider the nature of their Revolt from y^{e} Comp^{a}: and seyding with the English breaking thereby so Levioulusly & ꝑfideously y^{e} Contracts most Religiously made with us, w^{ch}: is an Abominable fact before God & man besides y^{t}: it was not in his power to doe soe, for as much as the s^{d}: Countreys was surrendred to y^{e} Comp^{a}: and y^{t}: they were desired to protect y^{m}: and had Excepted y^{e}: Comp^{a}: for their soveraigne and this for y^{e} Assistancy Afforded y^{e} said Countreys & Governm^{t}: Nay soe farr forth y^{t}: y^{e} very succession of y^{e} Sultan is Transferred to y^{e} Comp^{a}: and therefore could not be sayd they were mast^{r}: thereoff; or to be in their power to Alliniate y^{e} s^{d}: Countrey from y^{e}: Comp^{a}: or to undertake any thing Prejudiciall, and Against their good Liking, w^{ch}: y^{n}: if Regarded by Sultan Mametchia he will doe very well to Returne to y^{e} Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: who hath Restored and Confirmed him, Rather y^{n}: to Augment their Anger, & provoking well deserved punism^{t}: & be y^{e} cause of damage and distruction of y^{e} Kingdome of Indrapoura by standing out, for w^{ch}: wee Advise Sultan Mametchia, Raja Adill &c^{a}: their montrys wth; y^{e} best Affection of their own good, soe y^{e}: Govern^{r}: Gene^{ll}: & Council of India Expect on this A Prompt & suddain Answ^{r}: not only in wordes but In deed alsoe.

Acted In y^e^ Castle of Batavia on Java Major y^r^: kingdome of Jaccatra Aprill 30^th^: 1685. The Govern^r^: Gen^ll^: of Neatherlands India.

JOAN[N]ES CAMPHUYS.

By Ord^r^ of their Hon^rs^: fores^d^:

TRANSLATE LR̃E OF DUTCH GENERALL A. V. BICKEOT & COUNCIL TO THE SULTAN OF INDRAPOURA.

A Letter from the Emperour to the Generall of Batavia, and Another Lr̃e: from the Dutch Govern^r^: of Pedang to y^e^: Emperour; written in Mallay, which att present cannot be Translated for want of one to read them but shall be Entred as soon as can be done.

To THE HONO^BLE^: W^M^:
GYFFORD ESQR PRESIDENT
& GOVERN^R^: & COUNCIL
FORT S^T^: GEORGE.

YORK FORT 28^TH^: 7^BER^: 1685.

Hono^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

After A very tedious and Troublesome Passage wee Arrived (thanks to y^e^ Allmighty) safe in the Road y^e^ 24 June, when as wee Immediately sent Ashore to Enquire into y^e^ Affaires of this Countrey and to know if our coming was wellcome to y^e^ Natives here; whereupon one of y^e^ Inhabitants came Aboard Namely Orumkey Lilla, y^e^ man y^t^: Assisted Cap^t^: Andrews and the Amoy Merchant, in the procury of their Pepper, much Rejoyced att our Arrivall, and in y^e^ behalfe of y^e^ rest desired wee would come Ashore, where wee should meet with noe obstacles to y^e^ fullfilling of our desires but y^t^: all should be done to our sattisfaction, y^n^: y^e^ Worspfl̃: Chief &c^a^: Council finding such an Appearance of A good Reception came Ashoar, and where upon our Landing, A Gen^ll^: Joy Appeared in y^e^ face of all, soe that noe less then An happy Conclusion could be Expected.

Wee were no sooner come to our Lodgings but y^e^ best of [. . .] Towne came with an unusuall Countenance to congratulate our happy Arrivall, and Letters were Immediately every where dispatcht to Acquaint y^e^ Countrey People of our coming, y^e^ old King being att y^t^: time Indisposed, sent A Messenger to Accquaint the Chief &c^a^: y^t^: he was sorry, he was not in A Capacity to Rec[e]ive us him selfe into y^e^ Countrey and therefore desired to be Excused by Reason as well of his old Age, as Indisposition, but he would very suddenly come downe and Discourse us.

On the 26^th^: y^e^ Young King came downe to wellcome us, with whome passed little or noe materiall discourse, save only y^t^: he Enquired of us, whether y^e^ Intent of our coming was to buy Pepper only, and soe to be gon, or to settle here, for if y^t^: our designe was to settle here, y^t^: y^n^: whatever pepper was in y^e^ Countrey, wee might Expect to have, or otherwise y^e^ Dutch, who being so nigh y^m^: I mean att Syllabarr, would after y^t^ wee were gon, prove troublesome to y^m^: for selling their Pepp^r^: to the English, and therefore unless y^t^: wee would dwell and Abide w^th^ y^m^: none would sell us Pepper, wee told him our Aim was to settle if upon good termes, he Replyed, y^t^ wee could not be soe ready to Ask as he should be to grant.

The next day hee came to know if wee would pitch upon y^e^ Ground wee designed to build the Fort on, soe wee went Along w^th^: him to view what ground would be most proper to Fortifie on: wee found two places proper and Convenient Enough to build on, but ere y^t^: wee would pitch upon either of y^m^: did desire to be Ascertaind of our settlem^t^: for if that wee settled wee Expect to have y^e^ Random of A Cannon shott every way, y^e^ w^ch^: ground y^e^ R^t^: Hono^ble^: English

East India Compª: must be the only Lords & sole proprietors of, and yᵗ: yᵉ whole profitts of yᵉ Towne should be theirs, to help to defray yᵉ Expences they would bee att, in maintaining A Garrison for their security, Trade And Defence, &c, But he would not Enter upon Articles att yᵗ: time desiring time to consult and Advise with the old King; himselfe being young, and not soe fitt to treat Alone for giving away his Countrey to strangers, but he told us he expected yᵉ old King to morrow, soe yⁿ: wee desired yᵉ Priaman Raja to goe and Acquaint him, with what hee had don, in Reference to Priaman, save only it was Injoyned him, not to discourse any thing about yᵉ 700 Dollʳˢ: yᵗ: soe he might bee yᵉ more fflexible, when yᵉ Business of Treatment should be brought upon the Publique stage.

The old King yᵉ next day Accordingly comeing but being Sunday desired hee would come yᵉ next day when wee would discourse with him, he Appeared with A pleasant Countenance, and Exprest much Sattisfaction, and on yᵉ: 30ᵗʰ: being desirous to come to Conclusion by reason of our vast Expences, wee sent for yᵉ old and young King, and yᵉ Rest of yᵉ great men, & Acquaint yᵐ: yᵗ: being they desired yᵗ: wee should settle here, and Fortifie for their security, wee desired to know what quantity of Pepper wee might yearely Expect, for unless yᵗ: they were to Lade four or five shipps yearly it would not be worth the while to settle, Considering yᵉ great Expence yᵉ Rᵗ: Honoᵇˡᵉ: Compª: was like to be att, they Assured us yᵗ: what would come downe the River & places Adjacent they could doe it, soe yⁿ: we told yᵐ: yᵗ: yᵉ: Rᵗ: Honoᵇˡᵉ: Compª: should be the sole propriators & Lords of yᵉ Place, and yᵗ: wee would Impose what Custome wee please and yᵗ yᵉ: proffitts of yᵉ Place should be yᵉ: Rᵗ: Honoᵇˡᵉ: Compᵃˢ: yᵉ: wᶜʰ: yᵉ King altho' att first seemed so unwilling [*sic*] to grant all our Desires, begunn to Boggle att this, touching too much upon his prerogative, wᶜʰ: would in soe great A measure, not only lessen his soveraignty, but likewise his Revenues, wᶜʰ: Indeed is all he hath, yᵗ: yⁿ: his Condition would be worse then ever, for yᵗ: yᵉ: Noehadoes, or Merchᵗˢ: Allwayes Allowed him/Doller ℔ Baharr, upon yᵉ Expectacõn of Pepper wee being well Assured yᵗ: this was true, wee told him wee were Contended to Allow as formerly the Merchᵗˢ: did, vizᵗ: 11 Dollʳˢ ℔ Baharr they giving him, for what Pepper should be brought downe yᵉ River of Bencoola, yᵉ odd Doller, but what peper [should] be Imported from all places Adjacent and Remote he was not too Expect to have any Custome for, but he Replyed, yᵗ: yᵗ: could not bee done, for severall Rivers in his Territories, from wᶜʰ: much Pepper would come, he must likewise Receive his Doller, soe Considering yᵉ Inconveniencys hereof wee did therefore think it convenient, for to Allow the odd Dollʳ: to yᵉ: King As A Custome was but A Diminution of yᵉ Rᵗ: Honoᵇˡᵉ: Compᵃˢ: power & Authority, soe both to prevent yᵉ Cheats, wᶜʰ might be put upon us by yᵉ people yᵗ Imports pepper who undoubtedly will bring all yᵉ pepper under yᵗ: Notion, and allsoe to make yᵉ Rᵗ: Honoᵇˡᵉ: Compª: yᵉ more Absolute and powerfull in this place, did Judge it better to give 12 Dollers ℔ Baharr & to Impose a Custom of 1 Dollʳ ℔ Baharr upon all pepper from what place soever it be Imported none Excepted, this Indeed tho' in itselfe is noe gain or Advantage in one Respect, yᵉᵗ it begetts a more seeming and perfect power, in Another and may in time produce a proffitt if yᵉ pepper trade is such, yᵗ: yᵉ Rᵗ: Honoᵇˡᵉ: Compª: shall think fitt not to buy up all yᵉ pepper yˢ and yᵉ places Adjacen[t] can produce soe having in vain Expostulated to gett yᵉ pepper cheaper wee therefore sent to Accquaint him, and yᵉ rest of yˢ: our Result, whereupon they sent to tell us they were contented, soe wee sent yᵐ: word back yᵗ: wee Expected yᵐ: in yᵉ Afternoon to come and make A Conclusion but yᵉ young King yet was not Inwardly sattisfied yᵉ wᶜʰ: more plainly appeared att his coming, for when wee thought wee had made A Final end and noe need of any further Argumᵗ: yᵉ young King still insisted upon halfe of yᵉ Customes and used many Arguments tho' at last after A vain strugling likewise was contented, and allsoe promis'd to Assist us against those yᵗ: should oppose us, and to Allow us the Mintage of money &c: upon which wee vested yᵉ young King, and having past mutual promises dismist them yᵗ: night, untill yᵉ Articles were drawne up by yᵉ Worpᵘˡ: Chief Ralph: Ord should be Translated into the Mallay Language.

The next day having the Articles in Mallay ready translated, wee sent for the King &c who upon hearing y^m^ : read, disliked y^e^ quantity of ground wee had specified, being 4000 fathams, having noe gunns Ashoar to take y^e^ Randome of A Cannon shott, and Allsoe begunn to dispute y^e^ Unreasonableness of our Demands, y^t^ : hee who is King of y^e^ countrey should lett A stranger Enjoy y^e^ fruits thereof wee Answered him, y^t^ : what wee Asked of him was soe Just & Reasonable, y^t^ : all would think it A Crime to desire any part or portion of y^e^ Customes, for y^t^ the R^t^ Hono^ble^ : Comp^a^ : was like to be Att vast Expences, in the securing his person and Countrey from y^e^ Dutch, and y^t^ : he now Receiving as before 1 Doller ℔ Bahar, of the merchants for what pepper they sold y^t^ : sure y^t^ : was sufficient for him w^ch^ : now he might sitt still and Receive w^th^ : peace and contentedness, without fear of Either of this certaine profitt or any of his Countrey being taken from him, but notwithstanding all this he att last went away without signing the Articles, soe seeing he was so obstinate still ; the worsp^ll^ : Chief sent him word y^t^ being y^e^ R^t^ : Hono^ble^ : Comp^a^ : was att vast Expences Every day, and he yett Refusing to come to any Agreement, y^t^ : Hee Intended to morrow to goe aboard and y^e^ Rest to follow, but the Hill Rajas came, & understanding this Immediately desired us to stay, and y^t^ they would make y^e^ young King to Comply, soe the next day the Hill Rajas came, who had soe managed y^e^ young King, y^t^ : they told us y^t^ : he was now ready with y^m^ : to signe y^e^ Articles y^e^ w^ch^ : was once more Read, for y^e^ greater sattisfaction of y^e^ young King y^t^ : he should not pretend Ignorance in any on[e] Article see after having signed them, Coppie whereof is here Inclosed, they were presented, and on the 12^th^ : y^e^ Kings Flagg was Hoisted, where were present y^e^ old King and y^e^ rest of the Hill Rajas, who Lent their helping hand in y^e^ raising thereof but y^e^ young King tho' had signed yet was not (for what Reason I cannot tell) sattisfied and therefore was not present, but sent word hee desired to be Excused, for y^t^ [. . .] people could not be gott in A Readiness to come against the [. .] prefixed, but A few dayes after he came, and seemed better sattisfied, when hee saw y^e^ Gunns Firing and the Flagg Flying.

Now wee shall most humbly Acquaint yo^r^ : Hon^r^ : &c^a^ : why wee before wee had view'd either Indrapoura or Priaman settled here, 1^st^ : because, y^t^ : before y^t^ : wee had well come to An Anchor wee Espied 3 Shipps the one being in Syllabar Road, and y^e^ other two making in there, upon w^ch^ : wee sent y^e^ Captains Boats aboard the Countrey vessell w^ch^ : y^n^ : lay under A small Island w^ch^ : makes y^e^ Road, w^ch^ : brought one or two of y^e^ people aboard our shipp of whome wee diligently enquired what those shipps were, and how long they had been there, who att first (for what cause I cannot tell) seemed somewhat cautious, and unwilling to tell us, but att last told us they supposed y^t^ : they were Dutch shipps, and y^t^ : they had not been there not a Day, for y^t^ : as wee came In here, soe they Arrived there, but what y^e^ Intent of their coming was they could not tell, unless it was to settle in these parts, soe y^t^ wee may say wee Arrived Luckely or otherwise ℔haps wee had not obtained A Settlement here att soe Easy a Rate, in one Respect, tho' it is with the Loss of A great many men, of w^ch^ : wee shall here following more largely Accquaint yo^r^ : Hon^r^ : &c^a^, : but sure it is, had wee not Arrived in this Critticall minute, y^e^ Dutch well knowing our designe in settling on the Coast, wee had not had this footing wee now have, w^ch^ : God knowes is but slippery, but of this by & by wee shall more fully discourse of.

2^dly^ : Well knowing y^e^ : R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ designes to settle on this Coast, was to Regain y^e^ pepper Trade, w^ch^ : they have lost by Bantam, being taken, and there Considering y^t^ : y^e^ Intent of our coming, was to gett what [pepper] wee could, and being well sattesfied y^t^ : this was the place that furnished, Cap^t^ : Andrews and y^e^ Amoy Merch^ts^ : w^th^ : what pepper they had, wee might Reasonably conclude y^t^ : what they before promised, they might in some measure performe but certainly this is the only place upon y^e^ coast for Pepper, for by all people wee are Informed, y^t^ : from y^s^ : and y^e^ : Adjacent places, Bantam was supplyed w^th^ : most of y^e^ Pepper y^t^ : went from thence, and y^n^ : this being the ffront place, and nighest to the Dutch, and being A good Road for Shipps to Ride in, (about w^ch^ : wee most

humbly Desire you will please to be Referred to the Cap^{t}: it was thought y^{e}: most fitt place, to settle and fortifie on.

Thus having given yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c An Acco^{t}: of our Discoverie &c^{a}:, wee shall now proceed to Acquaint yo^{r} :Hon^{r} : &c^{a}: y^{t}: noe sooner had wee mutually signed and Agreed, for our Settlement, but pepper for two or three dayes came soe pouring upon us y^{t}: wee thought them men better then their words, and y^{t}: they were soe fair dealing men, y^{t}: they would not promise soe much as they were Able to ℔ form, least any Accident should happen y^{t}: should cause us to look upon y^{m}: with An Ill Eye, but noe sooner was y^{e} pepper weighed off, but they begunn to slacken their hands, and soe have continued till now off late, that Friendshipp was made with one Nagarakiddall A great man as wee hereafter shall more Enlarge upon, and have often told y^{m}: y^{t}: this their dealing was not according to what they promis'd att our Arrivall, w^{ch}: was, y^{t}: they would in A month or two time Lade one of y^{e} shipps, w^{ch}: was noe small sattisfaction to us, but now wee plainly see y^{t}: their end was only to gett us ashoar, thou[g]h att our Arrivall wee could not see well soe this their designe wee coming Just about y^{e} time of their Rammazan or time of fasting w^{ch}: continued about A month or six weeks soe y^{t}: during y^{t}: time, they told us wee could not Expect any pepper, and being well Informed y^{t}: in y^{t}: time y^{e} Countrey people would not bring downe their peper wee Rested finding it in vain to [use] Arguments to ℔swaid them, contented till the time was Expired which noe sooner being Ended but wee desired the King and y^{e} Rest of y^{e} Hill Rajas, y^{t}: now the Rammazan being over [y^{t}] they would forthwith bring downe [their] pepper for y^{t}: wee now Expected it According to their promises which wee hoped they would performe, for y^{t}: y^{e} shipps had layn a great while here att vast Expences, and noe pepper still coming, the shipps could not stay any longer, & y^{t}: now wee doubted whether there was any pepp^{r}: in their Countrey or noe, but what was brought from other parts; for this dealing was not According to their promises and y^{t}: if they allready begunn to falsifie their word, being but Just come, what was to be Expected hereafter they could not give any sattisfactory Answer, but save only they told us, y^{t}: y^{e} pep^{r}: was stopt by A great man namely Patte Nagarakiddul, y^{e} w^{ch}: finding true, M^{r}: Benj^{n}: Bloome sent up A Couple of Malder Peons to Invite him down for to Contract A ffrien[d]shipp with him y^{e} w^{ch} he readily Accepted, and on the [*lacuna in the original*] he came here and with whome having some discourse, told him y^{t}: y^{e} Intent of his sending for him, was to have A firm League and ffriendshipp with him, and doubted not but y^{t}: he was as much desirous thereunto, as himselfe, and therefore being hee had formerly served the Dutch, and now becoming A ffriend & Allie to the English, he must therefore as the rest had done, swear upon the Alcoran to be true and faithfull to y^{e} R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: and to Assist and help us against all our Adversaries, y^{e} w^{ch}: was Accordingly done with another great man, namely Patte Rangaitta, soe after having thus sworne them, he tachereeft y^{m}: and soe they went away Contentedly and since this ffriendshipp made with y^{m}: is come all the pep^{r}: now in the Resolution, and if had been made sooner, noe doubt but the Defence w^{ch}: Carryed M^{r}: Ord from Indrapoura might have carryed more pepp^{r}: from hence, and although there may be more pep^{r}: in the Countrey, yett not that quantity as they told us, att our Arrivall, for y^{e} Trees y^{n}: were only Blossomed, and the pepper still green on their Trees, for y^{e} time of gathering is in November and December, soe y^{t}: what pepp^{r}: is now ready is of y^{e} Last cropp, not [but] y^{t}: there is A good quantity, but the time being short y^{t}: wee are by An Order of Consultacon to dispatch the Resolution by the 5th: of Octob^{r}: or else could in A very short time [Pan?] A good quantity, for pepper now dayly comes downe, on y^{e} 4th: past the Charles Cap^{t}: Jn^{o}: Preston Command^{r}: Arrived here in this Road, from England directly, being by Charterparty bound to touch att Syllabar &c places and soe for Surratt if he could not procure pepp^{r} Enough to fill his Shipp, the Cargo he hath is only 2 Chest of Treasure, Dungarees Bales, and y^{e} w^{ch}: is Consigned to himselfe for to dispose thereof as he shall think Convenient, the goods he will not be Able to dispose of here, soe y^{t}: he cannot with his quick stock fill

his shipp with peper but however wee shall According to an order of Consultacon before Mr: Ords Departure Lade aboard of him all ye peppr : wee shall Receive, and alltho' our Cash is Low by Reason of our great Expences, and dayly Decreases yett shee will undoubtedly be Dispatched from hence directly for England for wt: wee shall fall short off their own stock will supply, for they have liberty to buy wt peppr: they will, being obliged to give it to the Compa: upon their Return att 3d: ℔ pound, and now the time for geathering the peppr: being nigh att hand shee will be Dispatcht in seasonable time.

On the 3d: the Wospñ : Ralph Ord Chief, Embargu'd aboard the shipp Resolution in order to proceed for Indrapoura &c places for to settle att yt: place, and not being able to reach ye: Port after severall dayes absence, returned back again whereupon Mr: Ord &c went aboard the Defence once again to try if he could obtain ye: Port.

And on the 19th: day Arrived in this Road ye Charles after having been att Batavia &c places from whence he brings us this newes, yt there lay ready in ye Road of Batavia 3 shipps one whereof mounted wth: sixty Gunns, for to bring an Army of Dutch and Javas for Syllabar for to demand in the King of Bantams name sattisfaction of these people, for their disobedience and by force of Armes to make ym: become more Loyall to their Prince from whom they say these people have Revolted & alsoe to know how they Dared to Trade with any Nation or suffer any to settle in his Countrey without first Accquainting their King therewith and having his [order] soe to doe, & he certainly tells us they will be here in six weekes time ye Consideration of the great raines, yt: wee this and the next month may Expect being the only Hindrance, why they are not allready with us, and for their Gẽnñ: they have Elected Kare ye Embassadr : which [was] sent by the Young King into England, although these people (who have no reason to Revolt from us to serve the Dutch,) will stand by and Assist us when their Enemy comes, yett shall not wee of our selves be able to doe any thing as hereafter yor: Honr: &ca: shall be made Acquainted with.

Wee have had noe small trouble in the settling the Baharr every man yt: brought A Bahar of peppr: would make A dotcheen or otherwise would not weigh of his peppr:, soe Dayly finding ye: trouble wee sent for ye King &c, and having ym: all togeather, acquainted ym: yt: ye Dotcheen or Bahar must be Certain, or otherwise, would not Receive their peppr: soe they desired to have ye quantity of A Bahar measured, ye which being done, it was weighed, and held out 500 pound, altho' the Bahar before, wee had Agreed for 470lb: soe yn: wee told ym: yt: now wee hoped they would be content, seeing us in all things ready to Comply with them, but ye next day peppr: coming to ye scale to be weighed off, they quickly found out their Errour, and yn: would by noe meanes bring one again, for they said ye measure or Bamboe was falce, wee told ym: it was of their own procuring, not ours, and therefore had Resolved not to Abate an Ounce soe after a few dayes they brought there peppr: to ye scale, and now hope wee may be able to keep ym: to it.

Our Expences are very great by reason of ye number of people wee have here, ye: wch is Augmented by the dearness of all things in Generall, wee have had dayly att worke about ye Fortifications a great number of Mallays, and not one person great or small yt: will worke under a quarter of A Doller.

Notwithstanding our own people yt: have alsoe workt dayly thereon ye worke is very backward, for ever since Wee have been here wee can scarse say wee have had Eight dayes togeather without Rain, wch: has fallen in soe violent A manner, yt: it hath soe much hindred our designe, yt: in four months time noe more then one Bastion or Bulworke, to ye: seaward is in any forwardness, wch: long ere this might have been finisht but ye raines are soe great here yt: in one night they have lay'd even wth: the Ground, yt: which had cost A fortnights building soe finding wee have all this while been whashing A Blackmoore white have Resolved to Pallasade our selves in, for ye greater security taking in halfe of ye ground Mr: Fowles hath Lay'd out for A Fort and all the mean's he could Invent was not

Enough to make his worke withstand the Raines, for Turfing w^{ch}: was thought to stand against all Raines, hath severall times been washt away, and now at this Instant y^{e} whole Bulworke which hath been all this time Adoing will by y^{e} first raines, bee certainly all washt Away for it is wholly crackt, soe y^{t} nothing can be done without Brick, w^{ch}; our people have Endeavoured to make but y^{e} Earth is not good for when they come to burne them they will not Abide y^{e} fire; soe y^{t}: Bricks and all other Materialls for y^{e} Raising of A Building of y^{t}: nature must be sent hither, if yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: shall think Convenient y^{t}: wee here Remain & fortifie.

Wee humbly desire yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: will please to send us, Eight or tenn Mussoolaes with Macquaes, or boat men, for y^{e} Carrying of Pepper, the want of Convenientcies of y^{t}: nature has much hindred us, for here wee have only one great prow to carry off pepper, [nor] neither can they here build Boats, (and if can) not soe prop^{r}: as Mussulaes w^{ch}; will in the very worst of weather goe out of this River, when their Countrey boats cannot, soe y^{t} wee have now in y^{e}: Goedowne Aboute 70 Baharrs of Pepp^{r}: which wee could not shipp off for the want thereof.

Wee Likewise desire yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: will please to furnish us with small money for an Eight of an Doller is y^{e} Lowest, and but few of y^{m}:, soe y^{t}; what Ever we want, tho' not worth Tenn Cash wee must give soe much; and our people can't buy A Little Beetle nutt under that, wee desire it may be of a Baser Mettle, then Fanams, y^{t}: it might be Large.

Wee allsoe desire yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: will please by Every shipp y^{t}: comes here to send a good Quantity of Rice, and provisions, tho', att present wee want not, having well stored our selves out of y^{e}: shipps wth: Rice but att deare Rates, tho' wee must Confess y^{t}: if they had not spared us of what they had wee must Long E're this have quitt y^{e} place or starved.

Wee have not since o^{r}: being here sold more then two Bales of Cloth, more y^{n}: was Deliver^{d}: by y^{e} Worship^{ll}: Ralph Ord Chief &c^{a}: Council, to Ormkey Lilly att o^{r}: first Arrivall, this not being A place of Trade, and noe money stirring amongst y^{m}:, before wee distributed, y^{e} greatest part of w^{t}: wee brought, being now in their hands, soe wee humbly desire yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: will please to supply us both with money help, and Factors Provisions of all sorts, here being none to Mannage y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Affaires but M^{r}: Charlton and my selfe, our Endeavours wee most humbly desire you will please to Accept off.

Cap^{t}: Landy given us An Account y^{t}: y^{e} following person[s], Viz^{t}: W^{m}: Brewst^{r}:, Will^{m}: Wheatly, Will^{m}: Ellis, being Indisposed, & will never be serviceable to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: here, it was therefore thought Convenient to give y^{m}, Leave to come upon the Resolution to seek cure att y^{e} ffort, w^{ch}: can't be had here.

According to An Ord^{r}: in Consultation, before M^{r}: Ords departure, wee have dispatcht the Charles for Indrapour, having taken in as much salt as Cap^{t}: Will^{m}: Pain could spare, tho': wee are very sensible, y^{t}: it is Absolute necessary y^{t}: y^{s}: Road be not left Naked, but wee hope his Worship will not detaine her because he is not Ignorant of our Condition.

Because of y^{e} dearness of all Commodities wee mean Provisions &c^{a}: and knowing the pay was Allowed y^{e} Souldiers att Madrass, here they could not subsist upon it was therefore by Order of y^{e} Worsh^{ll}: Chiefe & Council in consultation thought fitt to Advance to y^{e}: English souldiers one Doller ℔ month, and to the Portequeeze ½ Doll^{r} ℔ m^{o}.

Wee shall now give yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: An Acco^{t}: of o^{r}: Woefull state & Condition which God grant better, wee are by sickness all become Uncapable of helping one Another, and of y^{e} great number of people y^{t}: came over not above 30 men well of y^{m}; y^{t}: M^{r}: Ord left here, being Blacks and whites about 200, he taking about 20 souldiers and severall Black servants along with him, of the English souldiers are dead here 11 & of y^{e} Portequeeze not above 4, of y^{e} Black workmen not Above fiveteen y^{t}: is Capable of working of y^{m}: are dead about 40

and dayly die, for hee y^{t}: falls, it is hard for him to rise, all our servants are sick and dead, & att y^{s}: minute not A Cook to gett victualls ready for those y^{t}: sitt att the Comp^{as}: Table, and such have been o^{r}: straites, y^{t}: wee many times have fasted; the sick lye neglected, some cry for Remedies, but none to be had; those y^{t}: could Eat, have none to cook y^{m}: Victualls, soe y^{t}: I may say, y^{e}: one Dies for Hunger, & the other for Remedies, soe y^{t}: now we have not living Enough to bury the Dead and if one is sick the other will not watch, for hee sayes better y^{t}: one y^{n}: two dies, soe y^{t}: people dies and noe notice Taken thereof.

Octob^{r}: 2^{d}: 1685.

M^{r}: Fowles this day Died, to whom wee have paid noe wages since he came here, soe humbly Desire yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: will please to pay to his widdow, what will be due to him.

The Amount of y^{e} Enclosed Invoice being R^{s}: 4941: 3^{ffa}: Pag^{s}: 2745: 3^{ffa}: wee humbly desire you will please to Creditt us with allsoe y^{e} Amo^{t}: of y^{e} pepp^{r}: Laden a board y^{e}: Defence, being Rup^{s}: 720 or Pag^{s} 400, wee Remember noe more att present to Acquaint yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: with soe wee crave Leave to subscribe o^{r} selves.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Yo^{r}: most humble & obed^{t}: serv^{ts}:
Benj^{N}: Bloom.
Josh: Charlton.

Wee have Enclosed[to] yo^{rs}: [Hon^{r}]
&c^{a}: the Model M^{r}: Fowles design'd for y^{e} ffort,
B.B.

Articles of Agreem^{t}: made by, & Between the Worsp^{ll}: Ralph Ord Chiefe &c^{a}: Council ffor Affaires of y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: English East India Comp^{a}: on the Island of Sumatra for Acco^{t}: of y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: on the one side, and De Patte Keam Raja, & Patte Sittea Raja, of Bencoolen, & De Patte Tagaotanna, De Patte Singa Nagara, De Patte Comban Serre, De Patte Comban Tanjour, De Patte Terra, Danamenn, De Raja, Rajas of y^{e} Adjacent Countreys on the other side.

Imprimis. It is Covenanted, & Agreed by the sayd Rajas to deliv^{r}: full & Entire possession for y^{e} use & Acco^{t}: of y^{e} said Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: four thousand fathome of ground, whereof the s^{d}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: are to be the sole Lords & Proprietors of, & to Execute full Dominion & power.

Item. It is Covenanted and Agreed by and between the said Ralph Ord Chief &c^{a}: Council, for & on the behalfe o[f] y^{e} s^{d}: R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: to build A Fort for y^{e} security of the place, & yearly to p^{r}sent unto y^{e} said Raja two Rantackers, 2 barrells of powder, & 100 shott, or in Default of such stores in the Fort to pay the Vallue thereof.

Item. It is Covenanted and Agreed by and between the said [Ralph Ord] Chief &c^{a}: Council for and on the behalfe of y^{e} s^{d}: Hono^{ble}: English East India Comp^{a}: and y^{e}: s^{d}: Raja of Bencoolen, to give Mutual Assistance to y^{e} uttmost of their power, and protection to each other, in y^{e} free Exercise of trade Against all Oppositions of y^{e} King of Bantam, the Dutch or any other.

Item. It is covenanted and Agreed by and between y^{e} said Worsp^{ll}: Ralph Ord, Chief &c^{a}: Council for Acco^{t}: of y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: and y^{e}: Aforesaid Rajas, y^{t}: y^{e} said Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: shall have, take and Enjoy y^{e} whole Customes, one Doller upon Every Bahar of pepp^{r}: they paying 12 Dollers y^{e} Bahar, whereof y^{e}: Merchants are to Allow one for y^{e} King upon every Bahar y^{t}: comes downe this River or from y^{e} Rivers of Palle and Sungemoon, but noe other pepp^{r}: y^{t}: y^{e} Chief & Council shall Impose on all other sorts of Merchandize, what Tole or Custome they shall think fitt for Acco^{t}: of y^{e} Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}:

Item. It is Covenanted & Agreed by y^e^ Rajas of Bencoolen y^t^: y^e^ R^t^: Hono^ble^: Comp^a^: may mint such money as y^e^ Chief &c^a^: shall think fitt, and y^t^: y^e^ said money shall be currant all the Countrey over, and be Rec^d^: in Paym^t^: for all sorts of Merchandize without Exception, In Consideracon of w^ch^: above said Articles, y^e^ s^d^: Worsp^ll^: Chief &c^a^: Council have sett their hands And y^e^ R^t^: Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: seale to one writing of this Tenour and Date, and y^e^ Afores^d^: Rajas have sett their hands to Another of y^e^ same Date for Acco^t^: of y^e^ R^t^: Hono^ble^: Comp^a^: Dated in Bencoolen y^e^ 3^d^: July 1685.

MADAPOLL^M^: 14 NOVEM^BR^: 85.

TO THE HONO^BLE^: WILL^M^: GYFFORD ESQ^R^
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R^: OF FORT S^T^: GEORGE.

Hono^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

Wee Rec^d^: y^e^ Gold and Silver Thred and allsoe y^e^ Factors Provisions w^ch^: came over Land y^e^: 11^th^: Curr^t^: Amounting as ℔ Invoice to Pago^s^: 1044: 12^fa^: and have opened one box of Gold thread w^ch^: proves damaged which wee shall use our uttmost Endeavours to put it off to y^e^ Merch^ts^ having not had time as yett to discourse y^m^: Concerning it which is y^e^ needfull att pres^t^: from

Hono^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:
Yo^r^: most humble serv^ts^:
SAM^L^: WALES.
BENJA^N^: NORTHEY.
CHARLES FOWNES.

METCHLEPAT^M^ Y^E^: 30^TH^: NOVEM^BR^: 1685.

TO THE HONO^BLE^: W^M^: GYFFORD ESQ^R^
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R^: &C^A^: COUNCIL.

Hono^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

Our Last to you was of y^e^: 11^th^: Curr^t^: to w^ch^: as yett have Rec^d^: noe Reply wee have now only to Advise y^e^: Receipt of yo^rs^: dated y^e^ 2^d^ Instant and dispatched y^e^ 4^th^: which come not to hand till y^e^ 25^th^:

Wee have dayly pressed o^r^: Merchants Conformable to y^r^: orders for y^e^ taking off Europe goods tho' as yett to little purpose, their Answer being alwayes one and y^e^ same, y^t^: till A settlement be in these parts again they cannot meddle with any, soe soon as pleases God to send y^t^: they will doe soe much as any men to serve y^e^ Company.

Wee are now upon sorting, w^ch^: has hitherto been only Salampores about 8000 ℔s and find them to come out much better y^n^: former yeares, and doubt not if all y^e^ other sorts of goods prove Answerable to y^m^: but o^r^: R^t^: Hono^ble^: Masters will be well pleased therewith.

The 2000 Pag^s^: menconed to be sent us wee find by y^e^ Postscript y^e^ Impediment, and y^e^ manner you have order'd it to be made us good, w^ch^: is Complyed w^th^: and brought to yo^r^: Creditt.

The R[o]malls, Dyapers, & striped Beteelaes wee have Reason to belive may be of Esteem in England therefore shall Receive y^m^: as they come in, and hope you will by some meanes or other Enable us to Comply with o^r^: Contract.

The Abasses 142 are not come to hand w^ch^: being of soe little vallue may be ventred through the greatest Danger and wee shall make up y^e^ business with y^e^: Sheriff in [the best] manner wee can.

Wee doe hasten o^r^ Merch^ts^: bringing in their goods soe much as possible and fear not of being behinde hand for y^e^ shipping Expected from y^e^ Bay.

As to what you wrote before Concerning y^e^ Kings Bramanyes' shipp att Madapoll^m^: M^r^: Coates has eased us of y^t^: trouble, by taking her his prize, and an other of John deMark's in Madapoll^m^: River, y^e^ Latter said to be very Rich with y^e^ Owners Estates in 2 or 3 Chests, w^ch^: Action is like to bring great trouble upon y^e^ English in these parts, and not only A stop upon all the R^t^: Hono^ble^:

Comp^as^ business, but y^e^ lives of their servants threatned if not A suddain Restitution made, this Govern^r^: and y^t^: of Madapoll^m^ demanding four fold sattisfaction, wee have wrot to M^r^: Coats of it, Copie of w^ch^: and his Answer Accomp^a^: this, as alsoe Mahomed Rafeetes Lrs to M^r^: Wales, This Governm^t^: now is under the same with y^e^ other of Hussan Beague by y^e^ flight of Mirza Ibrahim, and therefore wee are brought lyable to Answer for y^e^ Actions of M^r^: Coats in y^t^: place, w^ch^: tho' unreasonable wee are noe wayes Capacitated to help or defend o^r^ selves A stopp of Provisions both for o^r^: selves and Cattle being all ready Ordered, but good newes coming yesterday from Golcondah of y^e^ Mogulls Army being gon from thence, y^e^ Governo^r^: sent to Invite us and the Dutch to supper, after w^ch^: he took Robert Freeman Apart, and told him all the English business would be spoiled within y^e^ King of Golcondahs dominions by Reason M^r^: Coates was an English man, and had y^e^ Respect Accordingly at Madapoll^m^: being dayly att y^e^ ffactory, Else they would have cutt him and his Comp^a^: off att their first Arrivall, wee pleaded our Inocense and y^t^: he belongs not to the English but y^e^ King of Syam w^ch^: will not be taken notice of, and after A long discourse about the business y^e^ Govern^r^: ordered Robert Freeman to goe Imediately down to Madapoll^m^: and try what he could doe with M^r^: Coates to Accomodate the business w^ch^: he is forced to Comply w^th^: and is now setting out tho' feares his success will not Answer Expectacon, nor y^e^ Expense of y^e^ Journy therefore wee humbly Intreat y^r^ Hon^r^ &c^a^: to take this business into y^r^: serious Consideracon, have not more to Add worth yo^r^: notice, wee subscribe

S^r^: Yo^r^: most humble & obed^t^: serv^ts^:

ROB^T^: FFREEMAN.
SAM^L^: SWYNOKE.

P.S.

M^r^: Harris is gon to Madapoll^m^: being much Indispos'd for y^e^ better Recovery of his health therfore his firme is not to this.

Id.
R. FF.
S. S.

To M^r^: JOHN COATES.

METCHLEPATAM y^e^ 23^D^ NOOVEM^BR^: 1685

S^r^

Allee Beague the Govern^r^: of this Towne Arriving last night wee went this Afternoon According to custome to visitt him from whome wee were Informed y^t^: he has Received Advices from his Deputy at Narsapore, and y^e^ same confirmed by John De Marcora, y^t^: you had violently Boarded his shipp and after Ransacking and Plunder of y^e^ same to A very considerable Amount, possessed yo^r^ selfe of y^e^ shipp, and carryed her from Narsapore to Sancho Narsoes Banksall, and farther had made your selfe Mast^r^: of Another Vessell of Pispottee Ancanas Bramina, which you had man'd with English men, and carryed her alsoe up the River to y^e^ ꝑmencon'd place, y^e^ Reason of these yo^r^: Actions y^e^ Govern^r^ Enquir'd att y^e^ same time, telling us he cannot think otherwise y^n^: y^t^: wee are Abbettor of yo^r^ Actions and y^e^ Chief of Madapoll^m^ is an Accomplice in yo^r^ design and had purposely withdrawn himselfe the better to Avoid suspition of Advising you too, or giving assistance to your Enterprize, all w^ch^: wee Endeavour'd to perswaid him not to Creditt, hee is fully Confirm'd in his own Opinion, and tells us y^e^ R^t^: Hono^ble^: Comp^a^: and y^e^ whole Interest of y^e^ English Nation will Extreamly suffer by this Rash Attempt, w^ch^: (whatsoever Reasons may be Alledged to y^e^ Contrary) will not be belived but to proceed from orders of o^r^: superiours at Fort S^t^: George [there] shaddowed under y^e^ pretence of y^e^ King of

Syams Commissions Orders, This is y^e^ sume of y^e^ Govern^rs^ : discourse this night to us, on y^e^ Preceeding Subject which he concluded with this Cautionary Advice, y^t^: it concern'd [our] selves, and all those persons, who had charge of all y^e^ Comp^as^ Affaires to look well about us, and in due time to prevent y^e^ Evil Consiquence, w^ch^ : this Action of yours would bring upon o^r^ : Masters, and us, w^ch^ : wee cannot see will be in any measure Avoided if A Restoration of y^e^ ships be not quickly made, wee Reffer this to yo^r^ : serious & Especiall consideration, w^ch^ : you will find upon a due and weighty Examinacon to be of Extraordinary and Importent Consequence att present, & for y^e^ future, since if you Receed not from w^t^ : you have undertaken all affaires of all y^e^ Factories att this time Negotiating in the King of Golcondahs parts, and Dominions will Inevitably be stopped in their Progress, and all their goods Embargoed which are very great quantities att this time abroad, and now is the time of bringing of y^m^ : in to be sorted, and Embayl'd against y^e^ shipps Arrivall from y^e^ Bay, w^ch^ : are suddenly Expected y^s^ weighty and most Important matter, wee again Recomend to y^e^ : due and serious Consideracon, hoping yo^r^ Resolutions thereon will be such as to Accomodate y^e^ present Breaches, and thereby prevent those troubles, w^ch^ : otherwise will certainly Ensue, wee desire you will give A speedy Reply hereto whereby you will oblige

S^r^
Your most Affeconate ffriends &
Ser^ts^

ROB^T^ : FFREEMAN.
SAM^L^ : SWYNOKE.

FROM ABOARD Y^E^ JERUSALEM MADAPOLL^M^ :
NOVEMB^R^ : 25^TH^ : 1685

M^r^ : ROBERT FFREEMAN.
M^r^ : SAM^L^ : SWYNOCK.

Honoured S^rs^

Wherby you advise me of Ally Beaug's Information confirmed by his Deputy of Narsapore and Jn^o^ : De marke y^t^ : wee had seized upon two of their shipps, It is true I have for Reasons y^t^ : in due time shall be declared in English Dutch and other Languages and my proceedings Justified to the world neither of you being strangers to y^e^ Unexampled proceedings of Alley Beague, nor to his Intentions (had he power to Prejudice y^e^ R^t^ : Hono^ble^ : Comp^a^ : and their servants, and Impeed y^e^ progress of their affairs by such Unjust Actions, y^t^ : few Merchants have Escaped, but more Especially the King of Syam and his servants, w^ch^ : Duty and obedience obliges me to Vindicate, as for Alley Beagues pretentions y^t^ : you are my Abettors I doe not much wonder it since he knowes himselfe conscious of many notorious and unwarrantable Actions, w^ch^ : he had rather Impute to A design of y^e^ English y^n^ : to y^e^ King of Syams Just Revenge for w^ch^ : y^t^ : y^e^ : R^t^ : Hono^ble^ : Comp^as^ : Concernes must suffer, is A point A little above Alle Beague who speakes like one att y^e^ Helme of state y^n^ : an hired Avaldar, The King his Master I humbly presume will Consider of what Ill Consiquence it is to Impeed y^e^ Negotiations of y^e^ R^t^ : Hono^ble^ : Comp^a^ : throughout his Dominions, which is A Nationall business, and will not be soe easily passed by, as an Affront from A Petty Avolder to A subordinate ffactory; Gentlemen whereas you Advise me to A quiett Restoration of their shipps w^ch^ : nothing but y^e^ great Respects I owe to y^e^ R^t^ : Hono^ble^ : Comp^a^ : and y^e^ Esteeme I have for severall of their worthy servants from whome I have Rec^d^ : great favours, should oblidge me to such A Disadvantagious proposition, y^t^ : is if y^e^ King of Golcondah or any Appertaining to him, will in tenn dayes after y^e^ Date of this pay into my Possession, what I can prove has been Violently from his Imperiall Maj^tie^ : of Syam, and his servants, and for all Losses y^t^ they have sustained by y^e^ meanes of Alley Beag &c^a^ : and deliver into my Custody safe

over y^e^ Barr of Narsapore what shipp & vessells y^t^ : are now in Madapollum belonging to y^e^ King of Syam and his servants you may if you please Assure y^e^ Avolder, I shall not only Restore w^t^ : I have in possession but declare all Acts of Hostillity, this is the Ready way to prevent future Troubles, and what Answer can be

Expected ffrom
Your humble & obed^t^ : Serv^t^ :
JOHN COATS.

To M^R^ : JOHN COATES METCHLEPATAM Y^E^ : 27^TH^ : NOVEMB^R^ : 1685.

Wee have Rec^d^ : yours of y^e^ : 25^th^ : Curr^t^ : on the 26^th^ : Ditto, but are not nor can be sattisfied w^th^ : what you therein writt Relateing to yo^r^ : taking of y^e^ : King of Golcondahs shipps & John De Marcoras in y^t^ : Hostile Manner, without y^e^ least Declaration or Notice before given of yo^r^ Reasons for soe doing and whereas you seem to Alleadg y^t^ : you have don this Action to obtain Reparation and satisfaction for y^e^ Damages y^e^ King of Syam and his servants has sustained by y^t^ : violence of force used to y^m^ : by Allee Beague, you in all Reason first ought to have stated y^e^ Damages you pretend and y^n^ : to have made a Publick Demand of satisfaction for y^e^ same from Allee Beague, giving him and all other Officers in his Government to understand by what power you were Commissionated to Require Reparation, which had you don might have been satisfactory to Mahomed Repheake, and put a stop to his Charge upon us, in this ffactory and those in Madapolum for A four fold Restitution of whatsoever damages they shall give in y^t^ : y^e^ : King of Golcondah and Jn^o^ : De Marcora have sustained by yo^r^ : seizure of their Shipps and goods, and lett Alle Beague be never soe Conscious of w^t^ : soever Prejudice he may have don y^e^ King of Syam, his serv^ts^ : y^r^ : selfe or others, yett all y^e^ Hono^ble^ : Comp^as^ : serv^ts^ : in both ffactoryes are by him belived to have Combin'd with you in y^s^ : Action and y^e^ Appearances thereof seem so Reall to all y^e^ Countrey y^t^ : noe Arguments will ℔swaid them to y^e^ Contrary and if y^t^ : you consent not to Restore y^e^ Shipps, wee must Assuredly Expect to smart severly for what you have don in A manner secreetly and in the Dark, wheras yo^r^ : Demands if publickly made and satisfaction Requir'd in y^e^ same maner (had they been Refused) you y^n^ : could with much more Justice and Reason, after you had Proclaimed, or Declared a warr in his Maj^ties^ : of Syams name against y^e^ King of Golcondah, have prosecuted it, But as you have now Acted, it will be Regarded noe otherwise y^n^ Piracy, and y^t^ : alsoe Abetted and conived att by us, o^r^ : Advice gave you for Restoration of y^e^ shipps proceeded from A clear prospect of y^e^ mischiefs, y^t^ : will befall y^e^ R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ : Affaires and their servants upon y^e^ Refusall, and those proposalls you offer as an Accomodation between yo^r^ : selfe and Allee Beague are utterly Impropp^r^ : to be made by us, since y^t^ : would but confirme him more strongly in his belife y^t^ : wee have Acted Unanimously with you therfore wee cannot offer any such thing to him, It must come from yo^r^ : selfe by lett^r^ : to him, or w^t^ : other way you think best, wee have not more to add save y^t^ : you will well weigh y^e^ Ill consequences of y^e^ late proceedings, and consider you have not only Exposed y^e^ R^t^ : Hono^ble^ : Comp^as^ : Estates, and Affaires, to y^e^ Arbitrary will and pleasure of y^e^ Govern^rs^ : of y^e^ Countrey but y^e^ lives of their servants likewise, w^ch^ : (when they cannot be otherwise satisfied) must be part paym^t^ : of w^t^ : Damages they will lay to their charge on yo^r^ : score, this wee Recomend once more to yo^r^ : Consideration, and Remain

S^r^
Yo^r^ humble servants
R.FF.
S.S.

TRANSLATE OF A LR̃E FROM MAHOMED RAPHECK
To M^R^ : SAMUEL WALES CHIEF OF MADAPOLUM.

About 4 months Agoe I Rec^d^ : A Letter from Ahamodubeag & Calidinde Ieperaz, y^t^ : one of y^e^ King of Syams serv^ts^ : was come to Madapolam, to whom I

gave Answer y^{t}: he was A Treacherous man, and could not be suffered to stay any time there, but must be Immediately turned away and sent out of town, and they Returned me this Answer again, y^{t}: M^{r}: Wales sent his braminy to them, and told y^{m}: y^{t}: because he was at some Difference with y^{e} Metchlepatam Govern^{r}: he came thither, and if any trouble should arise by his being there you will answer for it.

Now I hear y^{t}: after he had Laden his shipp, he took one Pispottee Yencanas Shipp belonging to y^{e} King, and another shipp & goods belonging to Cojavonees designing to goe away with y^{m}:, wherefore you being his security this four months and having Entertained him all this while, now att his going away Appears his Treacherousness, you may understand as I say'd before this Pispottee Yencana's shipp belonging to y^{e} King, therfore you must seiz upon M^{r}: Coats, and Deliv^{r}: him to Metchlepatam Govern^{r}: and take care to see y^{t}: Cojavonees has his shipp and goods Deliver'd safe to him, you may Act as I have wrote you or I shall demand four fould for what is found wanting to y^{m}: both from you and Freeman at Metchlepatam.

TRANSLATE OF LR̃E FROM MAHOMED RAPHECK
DEPUTY GOVERN^{R}: OF VELLOOR TO M^{R}: WALES
CHIEF OF MADAPOLLAM.

You being an Antient Merch^{t}: and for A Long time using trade in these parts, I much wonder you should entertain such a Roguish man as M^{r}: Coats is wth: you, and not only y^{t}: but should promise before y^{e}: Divans People to be security for all y^{e} hurt and Damage y^{t}: shall happen by said M^{r}: Coats, and now this Treacherous man has since seized upon one Pispotte Yencanas ship belonging to the Divan as allsoe A ship and goods of Cojavonees, and put the goods on board his own shipp, with what goods he had also of his own Ashore, and now Remains in y^{e} Barrs mouth I say you being Engaged for him and having Entertained him this trouble therefore happens, and I suppose he cannot goe away from y^{e} Barr soe soon but y^{t} you may prepare a couple of good shipps well provided with gunns and Am̃unition and wait for him against his coming out and secure him there, I had wrote to Metchlepatam about this, and accquainted him therof, soe you must make noe delayes in this business, but cause him to Return back both y^{e} aforesaid shipps and goods without any Dam̃age to the Owners therof and deliver y^{e} said M^{r}: Coats to Metchlepatam Governour, w^{ch}: when you have ℔ formed, write to me and Acquaint me of it, and fayl me not herin, for if you doe, I shall expect satisfaction from you, and Require four times the Vallue of w^{t}: Ever loss shall Acrue therby, you may consider of it and doe as I have said.

TO THE HONO^{ble}: W^{M}: GYFFORD
ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}: OF
FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

MADAPOLL^{M}: 9 ^{BER}: 1685.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Our last to you was of y^{e}: 6th: and 14th: Curr^{t}: w^{ch}: wee hope you have Rec^{d}: wee send this by A Furqueer y^{t}: it may come safe to your hands supposing he may pass all Townes under y^{e} notion of Begging.

The Chief occasion of troubling you soe soon proceeds from an act of Hostility w^{ch}: Cap^{t}: Jn^{o}: Coats hath Com̃itted in o^{r}: River viz^{t}: The taking of two shipps as free prize the one ship about 170 Tonns new, with Pago^{s}: 20000 in Ready Cash; & Pago^{s}: 40000 in Jewells aboard her belonging to one Jn^{o}: Demark, an Armenian, the other A shipp of 350 Tonns newly fitted up belonging to one [Pispotancana,] A Brameny and afterwards, seized by y^{e} King of Golcondah both w^{ch}: he boarded on satturday night 21st: Instant, About 12 of y^{e} clock on Sunday in the afternoon he brought up John Demarkes from Narsapore to Sancho Narsos banksall, M^{r}: Wales being then At Metchlepatam wee advised him therof Imediately on the monday following wee brought up the other shipp, many ℔swaissions passed from us to him to see if he could prevail with him for delivery

of said shipps Alleadging to him he would very much Prejudice R : Hono^{ble}: Masters but all were Insigificant as alsoe were y^{e} Gen^{ll} M^{r}: Robert ffreeman &c^{a}: Council wrote him he made a Laugh att all, wth: this Declaration y^{t}: if he should [deliv^{r}] said shipps when he comes to his great Master he shall be thought to have taken A Pishcash, and soe shall loose his life, he did severall other Acts in this Town & Narsaporum, and went one afternoon, and shott 5 or 6 shotts into Narsapore, w^{ch}: did noe more harme but kill'd one Woman, & John De Marks boy and maimed som others. Don Joseph De Heredia is alsoe gon along with him and has Left his shipp of 350 Tonns w^{ch}: is almost fitted, but they swear they will come Again, and fetch her, after they had scoured y^{e} coast A Little; Yesterday Early in y^{e} morning they parted from hence to the Barrs mouth having the night before Ransackt the Town of Narsaporum taking Rice &c^{a} provisions from y^{e} Comittes and frightned all y^{e} people out of Town y^{t}: night, allsoe Cap^{t}: Alexander Leshly Embargued with all his famyly with y^{m}: having the promise of 100 Rup^{s} ℔ mensem, as they sailed down the River they slung severall shotts into Narsapore (but blessed be God) no harme was done.

The Govern^{r}: of Ellore hath wrot us a Lr̃e that in case Cap^{t}: Coats delivered not y^{e} shipps wth: all y^{e} Cargo in them, y^{n} the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: English East India Comp^{a}: must make it good, by these 2 ffactories to w^{ch}: wee Answer'd 'twas himselfe y^{t}: courted him to settle in this town promising him by Lr̃e y^{t}: he should have A Phirmaund from the King A Rocca from his Brother Hossambeague and desired him y^{t}: hee would not leave his Town, for he would gett it as soon as he could, and in the mean while he had given order to his Govern^{r}: Ieparaz to be kind to him, and hee himselfe sent 100 Peons to defend him from A Party y^{t}: Mahomad Alleabeage sent to take him, all w^{ch}: makes out he was A Creature of their own nursing, and therfore can no wayes concern o^{r}: R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Masters business, not having further to trouble y^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a} att present concludes this from

Hono^{ble} S^{r} &c^{a}
Yo^{r} most Obed^{t}: servant
Benjamen Nor[they]
Charles Fow[nes]

P.S. Benjamen Northey desires y^{r} Hon^{r} &c^{a} leavé to come up to y^{e} Fort S^{t} George after the Investment, for this year is over,
Id
Benj^{n}: Northey.

Hono^{ble} S^{r} &c^{a} Achyen y^{e} 20th of June 1685.
Worthy S^{rs}:

M^{r} Francis Bills Mariner Dyeing in y^{s}: ffactory on y^{e} 4th: of January 168$\frac{4}{5}$ and constituting me his overseer in trust for what he Left, M^{r} Potts as A Creditor of his has since Demanded y^{e} one Moyety therof as his undubitable Right, of w^{ch}: y^{t} he may not be Disappointed nor in making out his pretention to what Remains it's agreed on by him M^{r} Harbin and myselfe y^{t}: y^{e} whole be by me the subscriber payd to y^{e} order of y^{r} Hon^{r} and Council since he owns himselfe to be y^{e} Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: D^{rs}: and y^{t}: both him [and] y^{e} Defuncts other Credittors may not want yo^{r}: care and consideration in y^{e} Distribution of Equity and Justice, nor myselfe yo^{r}: security from further Disturbances, I shall only attend yo^{r}: order for it's ℔formance subscribing

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a} Worthy S^{rs}
Yo^{r}: most Humble serv^{t}
Richard Mohun.

Hono^{ble} : S^{r} : &c^{a} S^{rs}

Meeting wth: this oppertunity by M^{r}: Jordan, wee could not but Demonstrate o^{r}: Duty's in giving y^{r} Hon^{r}: notice of o^{r}: proceed[ure] towards Syam, for y^{e} Resettling of y^{t} ffactory subordinate to your Hon^{rs} :wee suppose Ere this y^{e}

Presid^{t} and Council of Surrat have satisfied yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: for y^{e} Reasons and circumstances theroff w^{ch}: if they suit wth y^{r}: Hon^{rs}: Inclinations and approval as to the manner and method of its Entry wee make noe scruple of it's Duration, since wee are all Adicted to serve o^{r}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Masters with Emulation under yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: Directions, nor are wee backward in proposing to yo^{r}: Honour as full sattisfaction in o^{r}: service since wee can safely assert y^{t}: ou^{r}: genious tend to y^{e} pleasuring of y^{t}: government Joint with y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: East India Comp^{as}: Interest, but Suratt Presidency has been soe sparing in their Assistance of stock, y^{t}: wee fear Interloping will Eclips o^{rs}: In regard of its Infancy, but wee hope yo^{r} Hon^{rs}: will be more mindfull of its growth In Empowring us wth a Speedy Recruits of stock and Ample Orders and Directions wee desire to have yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: Result as to y^{e} present here in Acheen (amounting to upwards of 400 Rup^{s} w^{ch}: is Invoiced to o^{r}: ffactory) whether or noe wee [shall] make an Entrey of it in o^{r}: books, in regard it was given for the Consideration of ℔ticular goods on ffreight for y^{e} saving of Custom which has disgraced y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: instead of Raising their Creditt for this greedy Goverm^{t}: Demand a[100] Tale under pretence of an old Custome and Contract for an yearly payment of such A sũme for every Suratt shipp, w^{ch} Creats us more Trouble and Delay y^{n} wee Expected or had wee had noe present, but wee are using all the plausible meanes and fair Imaginable for an Accomodation and speedy Dispatch w^{ch}: wee suppose will be within y^{s} 4 or 5 dayes more wth: y^{e} assistance of M^{r}: Ric^{d}: Mohun who has not been hitherto wanting in all y^{e} variety of service to Accquitt himselfe an Intire & Zealous prosecutor of y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Affairs and Cred^{t}: w^{ch}: puts A Period to o^{r}: further advice untill wee obtain o^{r}: hope for A Settlement in Syam, from whence yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: shall have all ℔ticulars and clearer prospect of o^{r}: services, Capacitys and desires of approving o^{r}: selves.

Acheen y^{e} 25th June 1685.

Hono^{ble} S^{r} & S^{rs}
Y^{r} Hon^{rs} most Devoted & humble servants.
ROB: HARBIN.
DANIELL GYFFORD.
THO: YALE.

May it Please yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}

Under y^{e} 25th: past month (℔ M^{r} Jordin) wee gave yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: A cursory Acco^{t}: of our Proceedings to Acheen (Copie wherof goes herinclosed) which s^{d} person has put such A Remorse therto y^{t}: wee cannot divine what yo^{r}: success may be, for he being in y^{e} Comp^{as}: sloop Indisposed, and having no boat fired severall times for one thereby Demonstrating his necessity of [one], w^{ch}: wee considering, least any Accident might have happen'd, gratified him with the same of y^{e} ships Yawlee on y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Acco^{t}: y^{e} Comand^{r} Cap^{t}: Edw: Prestwich being Ashoar) w^{ch}: boat he clandestinely carryed away before wee could Receive y^{e} s^{d}: Command^{rs}: Result, whether or no he could spare her, w^{ch}: [. . .] are sensible he could very well doe it, yett being of A ℔verse mind and more willing to create contention y^{n} Receive sattisfaction for y^{e} same, upon advice came on board in an Arrogant manner soe full fraught with abuses and soe contemptable to our Employ and R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Employers that patience as yett appeares but A weak Application therfore cannot Judge what his mad dispair may Extend to, sometimes declaring, y^{t} since his condiĉon was bad in England) as ℔ advise by y^{e} Dragon) he would either take a prize, or be A Prisoner, y^{e} oppertunity of his quarrell hath noe other foundation then this, therfore what ever structure of event is raised on it, wee hope yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: will be graciously pleased to support our share in y^{e} Edifice, it being sincerly designed for noe other Intent y^{n}: y^{e} security of o^{r}: R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Masters Affairs, free of any ℔meditated ℔judice to any, wee cannot at this Juncto resolve yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: of y^{e} probability of our Departure hence being under a Desperate Dilemma of over rule, for y^{e}

Comand declares non observance being under noe tye of obedience to o^{r}: Dispatches, and wee are too sensible y^{t} should wee be brisk in y^{e} maintaining of our power wee should but aggravate y^{e} dispair therfore Judge lenetives more suitable for the distemper y^{t}: o^{r}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Masters Receiv's no damage by soe [t]riviall A Circumstance, wee herewth: send Copies of o^{r}: Instructions and Invoyc'd for yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: ℔usall w^{ch}: was our Duty, and had been ℔formed by y^{e} Afores^{d}: conveyance had wee time, therfore hope to be Excused, this wee leave with y^{e} worthy M^{r}: Richard Mohun for A Pasport and Disant on the ℔mises who is sensible of all the Transactions, and how peaceably wee Endeavour to frustrate all Ill success, by [mask]ing our Just sentiments and being cautious of Appearing otherwise.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}

Y^{r}: Hon^{rs}: most Acquiesing & very humble Serv^{t}

Ship ffaulkon in Achein Road y^{e} 4th of July 1685.

Rob: Harbin.
Daniel Gyfford.
Tho: Yale.

To the Hono^{ble}: W^{m}: Gyfford Esq^{r}. Metchlepatam y^{e} 8th x^{ber} 1685.
Presid^{t}: & Govern^{r}: &c^{a} Council.
Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Our last to you was y^{e} 30th: Novemb^{r}: ever since w^{ch}: wee have been att Madapollam and severall times treated wth: M^{r}: Coats about Accomodating y^{e} business wee went upon, but to little or noe purpose, he continuing resolute to hold what had gotten, till his own Vessells and Don Josephs, w^{ch}: lay Imbargoed upon y^{e} shoar should be fitted and delivered him, after w^{ch}: promised to surrender what had taken but y^{e} Govern^{rs}: of those ℔ts notwithstanding wee and [our] ffriends att Madapollam promised to be obliged for his punctuall Complyance, would not adheer therto, but promised if he would first surrender should have everything according to his desire without any abuse or molestation upon w^{ch}: y^{t}: the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: business might not be longer Impeeded wee offer to be their security to M^{r}: Coats in an Obligacon of 100,00 Pag^{s}: which he Refused, soe finding noe way would doe, thought fitt to protest against him, in behalfe of y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: to make good the damages y^{t}: might Accrew, to y^{e} vallue of 500,000 £ Sterling, after w^{ch}: wee have Repair'd to Metchlepatam and Arrived here yesterday, y^{e} Govern^{r}: Immediately sent to call us to his house, where wee went in y^{e} Evening, and gave him an Acco^{t}: how o^{r}: best Endeavours were used to Accomodate the business wee went upon to Madapoll^{m}: tho' to noe purpose, the fault lying in his, and Mahomed Refeiks, sub Govern^{r}: y^{t}: would take noe advice from us, notwithstanding all manner of fair proposalls was made y^{m}: this, nor w^{t}: more Argum^{ts}: wee could use was of any validity with him, but wee must Immediately return again, and he would give us power Enough to Comand those sub Governo^{rs}: and all y^{e} people of y^{e} place to y^{e} service required & y^{t}: Mahomed Refike had don y^{e} like, wee strove to Evade going by laying down to him the weight of business y^{t}: requir'd our Attendance here, but y^{t}: he makes slight of, and tells us 'twill be of greater Importance to Accomodate this business speedily y^{n}: y^{e}: Comp^{as}: whole Investment, therefore wee are forced to goe and pray for Success.

Wee advised in y^{e} 11th: past month our thoughts of y^{e} Persia ffreight, w^{ch}: as yett appears better only in hopes, and y^{e} Dutch take an Advantage of time to try for it, now these people are att Difference with us upon M^{r}: Coats Acco^{t}: w^{ch}: if speedily Accomodated wee fear not loosing it, but if you order not A smaller shipp y^{n} y^{e} Kempthorne, wee fear as before, y^{e} ffreight will hardly defray her Expence, unless you think fitt to Load A stock of y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: w^{ch} may be procurable here to the vallue of 8 or 10,000 Pag^{s}: in goods propper for y^{e}: markett.

We want yo^{r}: order whether may receive more goods of o^{r}: Merchants then Contracted for of y^{e} same sorts and prices, upon Creditt, w^{ch}: is y^{e} needfull y^{t}: offers att pres^{t}: from.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Y^{r}: most humble & most obed^{t}: serv^{ts}:
R. FFREEMAN.
SAM^{L}.: SWYNOKE.

P.S. Wee have payd to your Peons at severall times, besides their usuall Batty which they promise to allow out of their wages, Viz^{t}.

Ancalla Vangana	1	Rupee.
Maderalla Pera	1½	„
Boramea & Kisnama	1	„
Rup.	3½	

Id
R. FF.
S. S.

A Copie of Jenkin Watsons Narrative how he was Treated by the Dutch upon y^{e} West Coast of Sumatra,

APRILL 17TH: 1685.

I Arrived at Polycinqua by force of bad weather, S^{r}: I have as you Ordered me, I have deliv^{d}: yo^{r}: Lr̃e to y^{e} Accomodore, and he Answers me, that 'tis fitter for A fool then A man of his Acco^{t}: whereupon I demanded the Reason why, y^{n}: he told me y^{t}: he must Dispute the business with the Presid^{t}: of Madras, soe he Ask'd me what I had more to say, wherof I [deman]ded y^{e}: Reason why he fired att our English fflagg, and had kill'd two of o^{r}: black People, alltho' they be black they be the King of Englands subjects, he Answer'd me again, y^{t}: where he had kill'd one he wisht he had kill'd twenty, he asked me how it could be y^{e} King of Englands, and y^{t}: was given to y^{e} state of Holland, wherupon I answered y^{t}: y^{e} Emperour, and all his Kings had ffreely given it to the King of England, and y^{e} Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}:, whereupon he Answers this, you are but an Interlop^{r}: on y^{e} coast, if you had the King of Englands orders, and y^{e} Comp^{as}: why had not you shewn it mee I replyed 'tis a thing of noe small vallue to be sent about y^{e} Countrey he answer'd me again, y^{t}: he was coming there with his ship and sloopes, I answered him altho' they be but a few, or small hand full of men they will be ready to Receive you, then he Answered me that M^{r}: Clement Jordan had writt unto him y^{t}: he took too much Brandy wine in the morning, y^{t}: made him crack'd brain'd all the day after, wherupon I answered him this, y^{t}: his worsh^{p}: in his last Lr̃e did write y^{t}: M^{r}: Clement Jordan was drunk or mad when he sent y^{e} first Lr̃e furthermore y^{t}: wee did use yo^{r}: ffolks more like Doggs then men, y^{n}: he vowed he never wrot such words in his Lr̃es but I doe belive y^{t}: M^{r}: Clement Jordan, cannot write Dutch, but did say y^{t}: y^{e} Rogue Derick had Interp[re]ted it false, then he demanded from whence I took y^{e} Prow, I answered him from y^{e} main, y^{n}: he Asked me from whence the Molayes came, I told him from Indrapore, then he told me he had nothing more to say to me, then he comitted me to the sloop as Prisoner, where I continued 4 dayes, and y^{e} 5 day he sent for mee and told me as for y^{e} Molayes they were his prisoners, as for my Linguister he would keep him till wee did send Derick, whereupon I answer'd y^{t}: he could not keep a ffree man for a slave, y^{n}: I told him as for Derick hee had nothing to doe with him, but was hired by the week and when his week was up hee was as ffree for Another as wee whereupon he answered this, y^{t}: M^{r}: Clement Jordan, hath [sent] me word y^{t}: I should not have him therfore when you send Derick you shall have Anthony & Pasquall, I told him y^{t}: twas very bad travelling through an Enemies countrey without

my Linguistter, therfore I desire y^{t}: you would be pleasd to lett me have my Linguister, y^{n}: he told me y^{t}: I should not have him, then I asked whether he had any service to command he answers me no but told me it was Dangerous for me too travel through an Enemies countrey, I told him I would not neglect y^{e}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: buisness but first would lose my life, then I took me leave of him and went on board y^{e}: sloop for my things, and y^{e} men were a goeing to give me a Cast over y^{e} River, and he sent his men to watch mee and when they saw me going, they told me y^{t}: I must come and speak with y^{e} Accomad^{r}: and when I came before him he told me y^{t}: he durst not lett me goe, for he was certain that I should be killed, I told him y^{t}: I did not fear killing, y^{n}: presently he comitted me on board y^{e} ship as a prisoner, and told me y^{t}: in 3 dayes I should be at Indrapore, and there I continued 4 dayes and y^{e} 5th: day I desired y^{e} Cap^{t}: to speak to the Accomad^{r}: whereupon he told me dars't not let me goe, and y^{e} next day at 7 of y^{e} clock wee weigh'd our Anchor and went away for Padang and there y^{e} boats went ashoar, I desired the Cap^{t}: to speak wth: y^{e}: Accomodore, and forthwith he sent 4 souldiers on board, I Asked him why those souldiers came on board, they told me y^{t}; 'twas an usuall thing, but I was informed better, & y^{t}: they came to secure me and when the Cap^{t}: came on board he told me that y^{e} Accomod^{r}: answered y^{t}: I must stay till I had Answer, but from whence I knew not, but I was Inform'd it was from Batavia by one y^{t}: did know, and as he did understand y^{t}: I should goe likewise to Batavia, he bid the Cap^{t}: ask me whether I wanted any Cloths, if I did he would lend me money till I came to Indrapoura, I answered him if I did: y^{e} Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: had supplyed me with them.

The 5th: of May the Accomod^{r}: sent for me Ashoar and told me y^{t}: M^{r}: Clement Jordan and y^{e} sloop were gon, and had left two white men and one Black and y^{t}: the Emperour & his Lords were fallen out, and he was fled into the countrey therefore I would Advise you to send for y^{m}: to Padang, and as for the goods if they can't gett great Prowes lett them bring it in small ones, and I will come with my sloops and fetch it, for I am certain they will be killed, wherupon I told him, If I did any such thing I should betray y^{e} Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: wherupon I desired y^{t}: his Worsh^{p}: would be pleas'd to lett me goe to bear a part with y^{m}: he told me he could not Conveniently.

FORT S^{T} GEORGE DECEMB^{R}: 19TH: 1685.

Edward Radford did swear in Court y^{t}: y^{e} aforemen̄coned Declaration, was written by him verbatim from y^{e} mouth of Jenkin Watson, who before he could make an End therof Dyed without setting his hand thereto.

EDWARD RADFORD.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE DECEM^{BR}: 19TH: 1685.

Garforth Coats did swear in Court y^{t}: y^{e} aforesaid Jenkin Watson, did deliver y^{e} said Declaration upon his Death bed unto him y^{e} said Coats, desiring him to deliver y^{e} s^{d}: unto y^{e} Hono^{ble}: W^{m}: Gyfford President of y^{e} Coast Cormandell &c^{a}: y^{t}: without any alteration he deliver'd the same Accordingly.

GARFORTH COATS.

The same Day John Whitborne did swear in Court y^{t}: he saw the said Jenkin Watson Deliver the said Declaration unto y^{e} s^{d}: Garforth Coats to be Deliver'd as Afores^{d}:

JOHN WHITBORN.

Jurat Coram me
WILL^{M}: GYFFORD.

To Y^{E} HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}
PRESID^{T}: &C^{A}: COUNCIL.

VIZAGAPAT^{M} X^{BER}: 2^{D}: 1685.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

The 16th: Novemb^{r}: wee Rec^{d}: yo^{r}: Gen^{ll}: of y^{e} 22^{d} of October and y^{e} 22^{d} November the 3 boxes of Gold and silver thread from Metchlepat^{m}: arrived

w^th^: us and y^e^ most part wherof being Damaged soe y^t^: cannot ℔revail w^th^: o^r^: Merc^ts^: to take it at y^e^ price you order therfore shall attend yo^r^: directions whether wee may dispose therof at prime cost, or under, since soe much damaged, and shall be sure to make y^m^: pay y^e^: full vallue of it will yeld in y^e^ Condition it is.

Wee long since Advis'd of sloop Gingerlees Arrivall and by y^e^ same Express sent copies of our books w^ch^: hope are come to yo^r^: Reception.

Wee are now to Accquaint you of y^e^ sad newes Rec^d^: yesterday from Pundy Barba of y^t^: Townes being Ransacked, and pillaged by Robbers from y^e^ neighbouring hills, and stole from thence to a Considerable Amount, and they were soe very cruell and unmercifull as to kill and wound many of y^e^ Inhabitants, and left not any person a Ragg to cover themselves, they likewise broke open y^e^ Comp^as^: Goedowne and stole Pago^s^: 330 being part of a 1000 Pag^s^: (670 therof being before given out) by o^r^: Concoply Jogee who was sent thither to Invest s^d^: 1000 pag^s^: in Paddy and Rice agreeable to yo^r^: orders none being procurable Elsewhere thro' y^e^ great want of rain, soe many persons flocking thither they mett with a great booty, yo^r^: peons from Bengall was there likewise Robbed of their Cloths and yo^r^: packquett and one of y^m^: much wounded the oth^r^: brought us this newes whom wee have clothed and send him to you, who will Render A ℔ticular Relation of y^e^ whole business wee have wrote to his Excellency y^e^ Seer Lascar very urgently pressing him for Redress w^ch^: being y^e^ needfull crave leave to subscribe

Hono^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:
Yo^r^: very humble serv^ts^:
ROB^T^: BROWNE.
GEORGE RAMSDEN
CHARLES FFLEETWOOD.

CUDDALOOR 23^D^ DECEMB^R^: 1685.

TO THE HONO^BLE^: W^M^: GYFFORD ESQ^R^
PRESIDENT & GOVERNO^R^: & COUNCIL.

Hono^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

Wee have Rec^d^: yo^rs^: of the 17^th^: Ins^t^: upon M^r^: Cawleys desire to satisfie his Hon^r^: whether wee ever heard him speak any wayes disrespectfully of him, wee assure his Hon^r^: wee never did, nether should wee ever give his Hon^r^: y^e^ trouble of ℔usall of M^r^: Cawleys, and M^r^: Bullocks Letters, had not M^r^: Bullock told us if wee did not take notice thereof, he would, w^ch^: thought might be Ill resented by his Hon^r^: as Indeed a great deal of reason (if true), but wee must leave this to the Impartial Justice of his Hono^r^: to Judge off.

The Powder and Shott shall Cred^t^: y^e^ Acco^t^: Curr^t^: for when Rec^d^:, for y^e^ Abatement on y^e^ Morres shall continue as Formerly.

Observing by yo^r^: Advice y^t^: you can't take up any money at Interest, although you have used all Endeavours (by proffering 12 ℔ Cent) and considering the great prejudice it would be to o^r^: R^t^: Hono^ble^: Employ^rs^: not only to have their shipps goe home dead ffreig^td^: but very much reflect on y^m^: in these parts as well as att home, not to carry on a trade where settled (w^ch^: are very sensible y^e^ greatest care hath not been wanting to prevent) wee have used o^r^: uttmost Interest w^th^: o^r^: merch^ts^: to prevent it and have obliged them to Lend the R^t^: Hono^ble^: Comp^a^: Pago^s^: 40,000 at 12 ℔ C^t^: Intrest and take of Pag^s^: 20000 in Europe goods provided you will please to provide us with 20000 Pago^s^: & Pag^s^: 8000 to pay our present Debt to them w^ch^: you are pleased to advise you will send and y^n^: they have obliged themselves to bring into y^e^ Amo^t^: of Pag^s^: 80000 ℔ y^e^ fine of July, w^ch^: will be in good time for y^e^ Septemb^r^: shipps, but if it stands not with yo^r^: conveniency to supply us w^th^: y^e^ afores^d^: sums (w^ch^: hope it may) if you please to send us money to pay our Debts, they will oblige themselves to advance Pag^s^: 20000 on Intrest w^ch^: Proposalls most humbly Referr to y^r^: Considerations.

There is due to y^e^ Porto Novo Merch^ts^: Pago^s^: 2000 w^ch^: desire you will please to send to make up y^e^ Pago^s^: 30,000 agreed to pay y^m^: on their Investm^t^: of

Pago^{s}: 40000 and the Remaind^{r}: to be paid after concluded and y^{t}: you will please to send money for y^{e} Expence of y^{e} ffactory, being att pres^{t}: out of cash, and forc't to borrow money of y^{e} Merch^{ts}: for it.

Wee heartily congratulate y^{e} Arrivall of ships Resolution & Defence, and sloop Rochester from y^{e} west coast and y^{e} probability of soe good a settlement there tho' heartily condole the Loss of soe many of o^{r}: ffriends in y^{e} purchase thereof, and y^{e} Doubtfullness of y^{e} wellfair of y^{e} Remainder, whom god preserve is o^{r}: hearty Desires, o^{r}: goods shall all be gott in A Readiness to Lade as you shall please to ord^{r}: for w^{t}: goods Laden on y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: sloops shall creditt y^{m}: by acco^{t}: ffreight att 1 Pag^{d}: ℔ bale and debit them for w^{t}: Charges shall be on them clearing their Acco^{ts}: by yo^{r}: Acco^{tt}: Curr^{t} wee have accquainted our Merch^{ts}: y^{e} Arrivall of M^{r}: Jordain who gave order about their concerns with him who hope will give y^{m}: soe satisfactory Acco^{t}: as to Incourage y^{m}: to Lade another time, y^{e} Porto Novo Brameny shall according to yo^{r}: order be allowed Pago^{s}: 2½ ℔ mth: from the time order'd, M^{r}: Ingram and M^{r}: Griffith who is orderd to be an Assistant, and M^{r}: Wilson were dispatched for Porto Novo 7th: Curr^{t}: Herwth: Remitt you our Diary for y^{e} months of Octob^{r}: & Novemb^{r}: to w^{ch}: desire you will [be] pleased to be Referrd.

Here being now a Vacantcy of business M^{r} Davis humbly Requests y^{e} leave to proceed for the ffort y^{e} next month soe timely as to Arrive before y^{e} Dispatch of y^{e} ships now with you y^{t}: soe he may make provision for his Children Intending y^{m}: home by these ships w^{ch}: he shall Esteem A singular favour and Desires you will please in his Absence to Recoñend y^{e} care of y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Affaires to whom you shall think fitt if you shall please to order any Investm^{t}: before his Departure he will take all y^{e} care he can if it be concluded on to your satisfaction, w^{ch}: is y^{e} needfull from

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}:
Yo^{r}: most humble & obedient Serv^{ts}:
Jn^{o}: Davis.
W^{m}: Cawley.
Joseph Loe.

P. S. Gopall Pundit Arrived y^{e} 17th: Instant and is in the same Government he formerly held only with this distinction he is now to be Accountable to Vitla Pilla whereas before to Ha[r]ja Raja.

Idm J. D.
W. C.
J. L.

Vizagapat^{m}: y^{e} 19th Dec^{br}: 1685.

To the Hono^{ble}: W^{m}: Gyfford Esq^{r}
Presid^{t}: &c^{a}: Council.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

The 12 Curr^{t}: arrived here y^{e} ship Shrewsbury Cap^{t}: Rob^{t}: Alford Coñander from y^{e} Bay, whom wee shall detain A few dayes longer to take in y^{e} full of our this years Investment our goods being all in A Readiness w^{ch}: presume will be as much as shee can take in and therefore designe her directly to you.

He Informes us y^{e} Chandoss likewise will touch here who (upon her Arivall) shall Immediately dispatch to Madapoll^{m}: w^{ch}: is the needfull att pres^{t}: wee Respectfull subscribe

P.S. Wee have in soe Effectuall A manner solicited his Excellency the Seer Lascar concerning the Loss lately sustain'd at Pundee as to procure his promise for full sattisfaction.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Yo^{r}: very humble serv^{ts}:
Robert Browne
George Ramsden
Charles Fleetwood.

R. B.
G. R.
C. F.

MADAPOLLAM 18TH: DECBR: 1685.

TO THE HONOBLE: WM: GYFFORD ESQR
PRESIDENT & GOVERNR: &CA: COUNCIL.

Honoble: Sr: &ca:

Your Genll: Lre dated the 29th: October, was Recd: ye: 26 Novembr: by Samuel Wales in Metchlepatm: whether he went to Adjust ye: Accot: of Mr: Maurice Winne deceased, wth: Mr: Owen Wynn his Brothr:, as allsoe to give him wt: Assistance he could in Refference to other Accots: depending between ye sd Mr: Morice Wynn and severall persons his Debtors Inhabitants of yt: place, The Affair of Mr: Thomas Lucas wth: Don Joseph De Heredia therin Recomended to ye care of Samuel Wales, and Benjamen Northey is so farr as lay in their power taken care of, and ye: Attaching of ye shipp wch: if not Embargoed, before by ye Avaldars of ys place, on Occasion of Mr: Coats seizing ye King of Golcondahs, and John De Marcoraes shipps needless [*sic*] understanding yt: Mr: Freeman had Recd: near a full if not Entire satisfaction of Mr: Lucas his Debt from ye sd Don Joseph, advice wherof wee doubt not e're now he has Recd: wt: wee have now to Advise yor: Honr: &ca: is yt: att Mr ffreeman &ca: being here, wee have protested Jointly on ye behalfe of ye Rt: Honoble: Compa: Against Capt: John Coats &ca: his Adheerents in ye sume of five hundred thousand pounds sterling and for damages pretended by ye Dutch as ℔ severall Letters of Complaint from Metchlepatam ffactory from ye Heer Pitt President there, and from ye Chife of Pollycatt near this place to us in this ffactory in ye sume of forty five thousand pounds sterling, wch: wee thought necessary to Insert in ye said protest, to take from ye Dutch grounds of Complaint or demand of satisfaction from ye Rt: Honoble: Compa: on pretence yt: Mr: Coats &ca: were English men, Coppy of ye Protest wee have here Enclosed sent to yor: Honr: &ca: ye Effect of this protest is yt Mr: Coats hath Redeliver'd to John De Marcora ye Jewells & money, he Alleadged to be taken on board his ship for wch: he hath given his Receipt to Mr: Coats, and yt: his ship will be deliver'd him when ye sloops and boats, now repairing, and building on ye shoar, are finished [&] put into ye water the Kings ship to be deliver'd Mr: Freeman wch: belive will be complyed with as soon as Mahemud Alle Beaug orders People to take possession of her. This Action but more Especially ye troubles att Golcondah hath very much detarted ye coming down of ye goods from all parts of ye countrey soe yt: wee fear, wee shall not be soe ready for ye ships as some months past wee expected wee have now in A Readiness 150 bales of goods, and are not Idle to hasten our Merchts: and washers to gett cured and brought in all the cloth in their hands, wch: may Amot: to near as much more, wee have been Inform'd yt: 'tis dangerous sending advices ℔ land, and yt: all Peons are stoped on ye Road near Madrass wherfore wee have sent this by boat ℔ yor: peons who dare not adventur by Land, our Diary and Consultations &ca: wch: are yett behind shall with this month be sent up ye beginning of ye next as allsoe transcript of our Consultations Diary and Accot of Cash Letters Recd: and sent for England, the sloop or vessel formerly order'd to be built is ready to be put into ye water, wee Attend yor: orders concerning her, as allsoe some person to be sent or taken out of ye Europe ships to take charge of her if you Intend shee shall come up to ye ffort, Pendecon Ancas Timbers are not yett come down, he is now gon up to bring them, and have desir'd 100 Pags: wch: wee have pay'd him to clear the Charge of floating ym: through ye Rivers, wee have allsoe near 100 Candys of Gram wch: might be Laden on ye Sloop wn: in ye water, and a master procured for her, wch: wth ye tender of our most humble services is wt: wee have att this time to present you from,

Honoble: Sr: &ca: yor: most humble servts:

SAML: WALES.
BENJN: NORTHEY.
CHARLES FOWNES.

P.S. Charles Fownes desires leave of yor: Honr: &ca: to come up to ye ffort upon ye last ship or other conveyance.

Idm

S. W.
B. N.
C. F.

Whereas Cap^{t}: John Coats and William Mallet Command^{r}: of the Sloop, or Vessell Prosperous, with severall persons of y^{e} English, French, Dutch, and other European Nations, under conduct and Command of y^{e} said John Coats, and W^{m}: Mallet, and alsoe Don Joseph De Heredia by nation A Spaniard, did secreetly, Jointly, Unanimously, and by mutuall consent (as y^{e} sequell will make appear) upon y^{e} 21st day of 9 ^{ber}: in this present year of our Lord 1685 in A hostile manner seize upon and 10 miles distance from the sea up the s^{d}: River or Biting y^{e} Bay of Narsopore, by force of Armes Enter on board, and take as prize A ship of his Majes^{tes}: y^{e} King of Golcondah, called y^{e} Keddaree with all her Ammunition furniture, and Cargo w^{ch}: is declared by y^{e} moors to be of an Extraordinary vallue, and they y^{e} s^{d}: John Coats, Will^{m}: Mallet, and Don Joseph De Heredia, did alsoe in like hostile manner wth: their Adherents of severall European nations, above menc̃oned, seize upon and by force of Armes, enter on board and take as prize another ship belonging to John de Marcora, An Armenian Merch^{t}: for y^{e} time being living in Narsapore, called y^{e} new Jeruzalem bound for y^{e} Port of Fort S^{t}: George Madarassapatam (and y^{e} s^{d}: ship upon w^{ch}: y^{e} s^{d}: John de Marcora declares there is Laden to A great amount of Gold and Jewells) have carryed out of y^{e} River into y^{e} Road of Narsapore, upon committing of w^{ch}: Action of Piracy by you y^{e} aforemenc̃oned Parties under A pretext of warr, now the Action is done without y^{e} least notice given, or your declaration or Publication of A warr, between y^{e} King of Syam, and y^{e} King of Golcondah or shewing yo^{r}: Commissions first to put in Execution the same, y^{e} Governours of Ellore, Metchlepatam, Narsapore, and Madapollam, have Embargoed all y^{e} Callicoes of y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: English East India Comp^{a}: w^{ch}: are now coming from severall parts down to their ffactorys of Metchlepatam, and Madapollam and put A Generall stop to y^{e} proceedure of all their Affaires and have made demands of A four fold satisfaction for y^{e} Damages sustained by his Maj^{ty} y^{e} King of Golcondah, and y^{e} afores^{d}: Jn^{o}: De Marcora to be made and paid by the Hono^{ble}: President and council of Fort S^{t}: George and us y^{e} Chiefs and Councils of y^{e} ffactorys of Metchlepatam, and Madapollam on y^{e} Acco^{t}: of y^{e}: R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: English East India Comp^{a}: and farther besides y^{e} Payment of y^{e} Afores^{d}: Dammages w^{ch}: are charged upon us, by the means of his hostile, and Pirat like Actions in the seizur and taking away y^{e} afores^{d}: Shipps, y^{e} severall Govern^{rs}: before menc̃oned and their deputies, hath declared by orders from y^{e} King of Golcondah that his Phirmand or Royall Charter wth: y^{e} Priveledges, grants & Immunities therin contain'd, (the obtaining of w^{ch}: hath cost the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: English East India Comp^{a}: many thousand of pounds sterling are now nulled void of none Effect or valledity, wherfore wee the Chiefs and councils of y^{e} ffactorys of Metchlepatam, & Madapollam, whose names are hereunder subscribed, in y^{e} names of our superiours, y^{e} Hon^{ble}: Pres^{dt}: and council of ffort S^{t}: George, and in y^{e} names and on the behalfe of our masters y^{e} Govern^{r}: Deputy and Comittes for affairs of y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: English East India Comp^{a}: Doe protest against you the above menc̃oned Cap^{t}: John Coats, Will^{m}: Mallet and Don Joseph de Heredia, and all yo^{r}: Adheerents and Accomplices of w^{t}: Countrey soever, whether English Scotch, French, Dutch, [Danes] Portegues or Syamers in y^{e} sum̃e of five hundred thousand pounds sterling, or twelve hundred thousand Pago^{s}: to make Reparation and Restitution for what damages y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: English East India Comp^{a}: have already sustain'd or may hereafter sustain, by yo^{r}: seizing and taking violently away y^{e} ship of his Maj^{ty}: y^{e} King of Golcondah, and y^{e} ship of John de Marcora before mentioned, as shall be Adjudged, and determined by the Laws of England, & wee doe further protest against you y^{e} s^{d}: John Coats, Mallet, and Joseph de Heredia and all yo^{r}: adheerents and accomplices of what countrey soever whether English, Scotch, French, Dutch, Danes, Portegues, and Syamers, in y^{e} sum̃e of one hundred thousand Pago^{s}: or forty five thousand pounds sterling for damages sustained by the Dutch Netherlands Comp^{a}: and allsoe by Robert ffreeman Chief for Affairs of y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: English East India Comp^{a}: in Metchlepatam, the Boats of y^{e} Latter you have burnt and distroyed after have taken out their Laden of Rice and other commodities,

and a ship and boats belonging to the Dutch Netherlands Comp^{a}: with their Cargoes thereunto Appertaining w^{ch}: you have seized upon, and taken possession of, for which damages they have Required sattisfaction from us otherwise they declare it A breach of Peace between the two nations of England, & Holland, and wee doe Protest against you y^{e} s^{d}: Cap^{t}: John Coats, Will^{m}: Mallet an[d] Joseph de Heredia as the Agressors and Authours of y^{e} same for w^{ch}: wee declare you liable to make satisfaction by virtue of this protest, as alsoe unto Robert ffreeman, Chief of Metchlepatam ffactory for y^{e} Affaires of y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: English East India Comp^{a}: for y^{e} Damages aforemenc̃on'd in burning of his boats and goods, for w^{ch}: and all other damages violency and Piracy's done and committed by you y^{e} said John Coats, Will^{m}: Mallet and Joseph de Heredia, menc̃oned att Large in this protest and for w^{t}: soever further damages you have done or may hereafter doe by yo^{r}: burning and taking of vessells boats and ships, yo^{r}: killing, and destroying y^{e} King of Golcondahs subjects, wee hereby declare you y^{e} s^{d} John Coats, Will^{m}: Mallet & Joseph de Heredia &c^{a} Adheerents lyable to make due and plenary satisfaction given under y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: seal, and our hands in the ffactory of Madapollam this 5th: day of Decemb^{r}: Annoq Dni 1685 and in the first year of y^{e} Reign of our sovereign Lord James the 2^{d} of England, Scotland, France & Ireland Defend^{r}: of y^{e} Faith &c^{a}:

Signed & Sealed & Delivered in the Presence of

OWEN WYNN.
JOHN TILLOTSON.
ISAACK DUNN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

ROBERT FFREEMAN.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.
SAMUEL SWYNOCK.
SAMUEL WALES.
BENJ^{N}: NORTHEY.
CHARLES FOWNES.

CONIMEER DECEM^{BR}: 28TH: 1685.

TO THE HONO^{BLE}: WILL^{M}:
GYFFORD ESQ^{R} PRESID^{T}: &C^{A}: COUNCIL
IN FFORT ST. GEORGE.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Yours of y^{e} 17th: Instant wee Rec^{d}: y^{e} 21st: Decem^{br}: and shall be continuing our Endeavours to perswaid our Merch^{ts}: to take of y^{e} gold thread tho' at present wee have little hopes to prevail if wee cannot, shall send to Trinomaly and those parts for weavers whome wee hear understand y^{e} working of gold thread, & y^{n}: if possible shall follow yo^{r}: orders therein.

Our Merchants are very pressing with us for their proportion of Europe goods, w^{ch}: as soon as y^{e} season will ℔mitt will desire you will please to send us.

Wee have now above 200 bales packt up, and presume before these come to yo^{r} hands to compleat 300; our Merch^{ts}: ℔forme their Duty well, in A day or two wee expect above Pago^{s}: 30000 of [. . .] nothern goods, Endeavours on ours and their parts are not in [the least] wanting, and if providence don't order otherwise, (w^{ch}: God forbid) wee have all y^{e} Reasonable hopes to finish our Business in o^{r}: contracted time.

Yo^{r}: orders about charging one Pag^{o}: upon A bale ffreight for what wee send you on y^{e} sloops shall be punctually comply'd with.

According to yo^{r}: orders of y^{e}: 1st June 1683 wee have Recharged you with China Tombe's debt, & sent his bill to Coodalour, but in as much as you have been pleased to send us for it, wee have Advised thereof to Codalour, what you have writt about it, & belive they will send it forward to you Accordingly.

Wee have been twice Alarm'd with y^{e} Polligars belongong to China Keswia Naigue, w^{ch}: has put us upon the watch & forced us to Entertain more Peons,

when Golcondah is again settled, and these fears are over; wee shall then dismiss them, w^ch^: being the needfull at present conclude these Respectfully Remaining

Hono^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

Your most humble servants

JOHN WILLCOX.
RICH: MILTON.
SYMON HOLCOMBE.

METCHLEPATAM y^E^ 22^D^ DECEM^BR^: 1685.

To the Hono^BLE^: W^M^: GYFFORD Esq^R^

PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R^ &C^A^: COUNCILL.

Hono^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

Our last to you was of y^e^ 8^th^: Curr^t^: the same Evening wee sett out for Madapollam, where mett with better success in y^e^ business wee went upon y^n^: y^e^ time before, for y^e^ 13^th^: wee concluded y^e^ business with M^r^: Coats who deliver'd all John De Marcoras things, and only keeps his ship and y^e^ Kings till his own or y^e^ King of Syams is finished and put into the water, w^ch^: y^e^ Sub govern^r^: of Madapollum & Narsapore consented too soe his worke now goes on A pace, and y^e^ only dispute now is A parcell of Burnt boats and Paddy w^ch^: M^r^: Coats will make noe satisfaction for till Alle Beauge does y^e^ like for y^e^ wrong and damages done by him to y^e^ King of Syam, w^t^: the finall conclusion will be I cannot yett guess, this business has been A great Impediment to the R^t^: Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: 18 dayes being spent about it, which has put us much behind hand in our sorting, elce wee might have been well nigh or all togeath^r^: ready for y^e^ shipping by this time, and now [not] half don, however wee shall Improve y^e^ time soe much as possible.

Yesterday came to hand yo^rs^: of y^e^ 12 Curr^t^: former part of w^ch^: only concerning y^e^ business of M^r^: Coats is already answered, wee shall proceed to y^e^ other Paragraphs and what more necessary to Advise of.

Wee are glad to hear y^e^ safe Arrivall of shipps Resolucon and Defence, w^ch^: wee hope may find full Loading & seasonable Dispatch for Europe, in order thereto wee shall send you up w^t^: goods wee have in Readiness ℔ y^e^ 1^st^: ship y^t^: Imports.

The 142 Abasses wee have Rec^d^: and deliver'd to y^e^ sheriff and shall allow him w^t^: is Reasonable thereon, M^r^: Brough refusing to contribute any thing, he having taken y^e^ best course he could to gett good money and p^d^: shereffage Accordingly, therefore thinks not himselfe lyable to make satisfaction,

Wee shall follow yo^r^: orders in taking w^t^: goods more our Merchants will bring in beyond their contract, att y^e^ former prices, w^ch^: beginn now to fear will be but few, many lying stopt in the Countrey uncur'd and w^t^: comes now to hand for sortment not answering like y^e^ first, however w^t^: passes wee doubt not but will give good content att home.

The Merchants design'd for Persia here below claim our contract of A ship to carry y^m^: and their goods w^ch^: they have provided in expectation thereof, w^ch^: is but A small quantity not Exceeding 600 bales and will not Amount to w^th^: Passengers above 4000 Pago^s^: ffreight, y^e^ Expectation of more from Golcondah w^ch^: was very considerable is now frustrated by y^e^ warrs, soe w^t^: wee shall doe to come off know not, y^e^ Governo^r^: and Merch^ts^: are Raving mad att y^e^ disappointment wee having this day acquainted the[m that our] ship cannot goe for less y^n^: 10000 Pago^s^: ffreight w^ch^: will scarce bare her charges, but y^t^: makes noe Impression upon them, they are for only having their own turnes served, and y^e^ best way wee can come of, will be very disgracefull and A Totall loss of y^t^: ffreight for ever, y^e^ Dutch never serving y^m^: soe, but lett it be little or much take it as it comes their ships being yearly bound thither, y^e^ difference between our manner of [. . .] and theirs these people will not be made to understand y^e^ Governour[s] message to us is, we may bare 1 year of Loss for y^e^ profitt of [what] is past and to come, notwithstanding w^ch^: wee shall follow yo^r^: [orders] in sending to you y^e^ Kempthorne soe soon as shee Arrives, and y^e^ trouble y^t^: falls upon us afterwards must see to gett clear of it soe well as can, but 'tis very great pity wee have not a shipp

propper for y^{e}: designe, had not these troubles happen'd att Golcondah, y^{e} ffreight had certainly been worth 12000 pag^{s}: at least and may be soe other years, w^{ch}: is matter propper for your consideration, and what offers at present from

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Your most humble & obed^{t}: serv^{ts}:
ROBERT FFREEMAN
SAMUEL SWYNOCK.

S^{rs}:

Since writing y^{e} aforegoing wee have advice from Madapollam of y^{e} shipp Kempthorn being arrived to y^{t}: Port who brings newes of y^{e} Josiahs Arrivall to Acheen y^{e}: 10th: October, Encountred A storme of y^{e} Cape, Lost her main mast, many of her men sick and dead, 13 run away att Acheen sayled thence y^{e} 29th: October, M^{r}: Pitt advises of a bad markett att Acheen, y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Concernes is brought back in Ruburb, Benjamin, Belly, and foot, their pacquett by y^{e} Josiah Accompany this.

Idem
R. FF.
S. S.

HUGLY 20TH: NOVEMB^{R}: 1685.

TO THE HONO^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^{T}:
GEORGE & CITTY OF MADRASS &C^{A}: COUNCIL
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T}: HONO^{BLE}: COMP^{A}: OF
MERCHANTS OF LONDON TRADING TO THE EAST
INDIES ON Y^{E}: COAST OF CORMANDELL, BAY OF BENGALL &C^{A}.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Our last to yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: was y^{e} 29th: August ℔ the Burnee Merchant M^{r}: Bowry, Master Coppy wherof wee now send you, since w^{ch}: have had y^{e}: Hon^{r}: to Receive yours of y^{e} 23^{d}: 30th: July, 3^{d}: 24th: August and 3^{d}: Septemb^{r}: with all y^{e} papers [according] to lists, y^{e} 7th: and 14: Sept^{br}: ℔ Chandois; Concord and George twas duplicate y^{e} 10th Octob^{r}: ℔ Prospect and ℔^{mo} Curr^{t}: by Pattamar to all which shall give y^{e} needfull Reply with due submission.

The Assistance you were pleased to send us came very seasonably all but M^{r}: Cudworth who stay'd below att Ballasore in expectation of y^{e} Josiahs Arrivall, y^{e} Bay is exceedingly streightned for want of writers, no more coming this year then two, and they taken Ashoar att Ballasore to supply y^{e} Rooms of two lately deceased, hitherto wee have noe newes of y^{e} Josiahs Arrivall w^{ch}: greatly troubles us; in regard wee think the want of her stock shall hardly be able to pay for what goods already contracted for, besides some sorts to be bought for ready money w^{ch}: wee may probably meet with at Reasonable Rates, with y^{e} consideration of what wee have distributed to y^{e} subordinate ffactorys, all which will more plainly appear by our consultations in months Septemb^{r}: and Octob^{r}.

Wee are glad y^{e} John and Mary is arriv'd in safty, y^{t}: y^{e} Emoy Merchant was soe near her departure for England y^{e}: 23^{d}: July and gon y^{e} 30th:, and that you have procured a ffreight to Acheen for y^{e} Kempthorne, may they all prosper, and y^{t}: yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: may have a good Acco^{t}: from Priaman, the Chandois Arrived in Ballasore Road y^{e}: 30th: August, and George y^{e} 5th: Septemb^{r}: for whose Cargoes shall give Acco^{t}: London Creddit according to yo^{r}: Invoices, y^{e} former wee have design'd for y^{e} coast, wth: such things as yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: direct if procurable by the latter end of Decemb^{r}: if possible to be done soe soon, and for

y^e^ Latter wee have taken care for A Lading of sugar and hope to dispatch her for Persia in Jan^ry^: Cap^t^: James Bonnell dyed in Ballasore y^e^ 3^d^: October of A feavour, God prepare us all.

Wee shall be glad to understand from you y^e^: Hon^ble^: Constant Faulcon may be att last convinc't of his Errour, and y^t^: he will be a steadfast ffriend to y^e^: R^t^: Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: Intrest, tho' wee may Reasonably surmise he will first take care to provide for y^e^: shipp Barkalong one wayes or other if he be concern'd therin it has been thought by some persons here y^t^: shee would come to Bengall in the King of Syams name consigned to Cap^t^: Tyler his Agent here but seeing shee is not [yet] come wee have the more Reason to hope shee will never from [. . .] us, considering w^t^: yo^r^: Hon^r^: &c^a^: writs in y^t^ ꝑticular, [. . .] settlements in Syam, China, what is or may be in the south seas, [wee] heartily wish may prosper under yo^r^: prudent management according to y^e^ R^t^ Hono^ble^ Comp^as^ Expectations, seeing they have thought it convenient to make y^m^: subordinate to your Presidency.

The Reason why our Vaqueel stay'd soe long wee have allready given, wee have heard twice from him since his departure his last advices came from Agra y^e^ beginning of August, whence he designed in few dayes towards y^e^ Mogulls Court where wee wish him good success he shall be supplied with money from Pattana for his occasions untill wee Receive orders from yo^r^: Hon^r^: &c^a^: therin as you order us by yo^rs^: of y^e^: 24^th^: Augs^t^: wherin you are pleased to Advise of A Vaqueel sent from Surat by order of our R^t^: Hono^ble^: masters, may our Vaqueel hence and y^t^: from Surat agree least they should overthrow that mighty concerne.

The Cotten Yarn musters wee Rec^d^: by M^r^ Griffith, alsoe y^e^ other, but more y^n^: ninety seaven bales (remaining in the house) of last yeares wee cannot procure, cotten being soe Excessive dear; besides wee can never gett thread to come near those musters.

Such sort of men for Pilotts you are pleased to mencon wee want; and shall make much of when they come, in y^e^ mean time must accquaint yo^r^: Hon^r^: &c^a^: y^t^: M^r^ Sherman is lately dead, Hussy has been very Refractory in our troubles, and is now at Ballasore, wee are Informed very great w^th^ y^e^ Interlopers, wee belive shall be forc'd to send him up to you^r^: Hon^r^: &c^a^: to prevent further mischiefs he is likely to bring upon us.

Haggerton wee hope have att last overcome, 'tis certain he's miserable poor, and as much dispised now by the Govern^rs^: as before esteemed, if he should have y^e^ Impudence to make A second appearance att Dacca wee have made provision there to Receive him after another manner y^n^: att first, by sending up to M^r^: Pownsett &c^a^: y^e^: Mahazers y^t^: came lately from Surrat, which wee doe not question, but will put a full stopp to his Career there.

The Loyall Eagle wee hope to dispatch away by the Latter End of Decemb^r^: and y^e^ Persia Merchant in January if soe bee y^e^ Agent and Cassimbuzar goods to long stay above, and ffresh [. . .] here w^ch^: may arise, doth not obstruct.

Concerning A double stock wee shall with submission to yo^r^: hon^r^: &c^a^: forbear to write home till wee stand upon better termes y^n^: now wee doe with y^e^ Governm^t^:

The 25,000 Manclia [Manilla?] Doll^rs^ over and above w^t^: order'd us by y^e^: Kempthorn and Chandois wee have Rec^d^: with y^e^: Rest, and in complyance w^th^: yo^r^: Hon^r^: &c^a^: Orders, wee now send you by y^e^ Shrewsbury y^e^ whole chest of gold y^t^: came on y^e^ Loyall Eagle (having Rec^d^: none by y^e^: Persia Merch^t^:) amounting to £: 13,693: 6^s^: 9^d^: sterling, and tho' wee shall find y^e^ want of it especially att this time, because of o^r^: Disappointment by y^e^ Josiah, yett y^e^: service Wee hope it may doe o^r^ R^t^: Hono^ble^: Masters by yo^r^: management will be some Compensation for w^t^: wee are short here.

When M^r^: Braddyll was here with y^e^ late Agent this summer he undertook to him for Sucaes 214 for 240 suca weight in Ryalls all charges borne, if wee sell wee cannot gett above 209 the 240 Suca weight, soe y^t^: if his books when they come shall make it good, it may be the best service to keep y^e^: mint going, wherefore wee have forborne to sell all y^e^ Treasure here; nither Indeed have wee any

Rich trusty persons to whom wee can sell y^e^: silver of an Investment for y^e^: Merchants here depends alltogeather on y^e^: money wee bring in w^ch^: wee have had a seveer experience this season by being compell'd to part with 35 Chests of Dollers to beginn our Investment there being noe money to be had att Interest; nor Indeed but little in the Countrey till wee deliver'd out ours, as you will find by our Consultations in Sep^tbr^: &c^a^:

Yo^r^: Hon^r^: &c^a^: having occasion for M^r^: John Gyfford belonging to y^e^: Persia Merchant, wee have according to yo^r^: orders given Cap^t^: Bowers A discharge to his satisfaction for him, he takes his passage towards you in y^e^ Shrewsbury as shee is y^e^: first shipp.

In ours of y^e^ 12^th^: May wee accquainted yo^r^: Hon^r^: &c^a^: y^t^: y^e^: Gold wanting should be brought to Acco^t^: London Creditt, but M^r^: Rob^t^: Hedges being y^e^: person answerable shall charge his Acco^t^: with it Accordingly.

The Josiah not coming according to Expectation wee shall have but little remains except Lead: w^ch^ must of necessity Lye here till y^e^ next year (if wee cannot dispose of it [. . .] for want of conveyance convenient in w^ch^: ꝑticular our Endeavours shall not be wanting, The R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: Letter of y^e^: 2^d^ Aprill, wee have and shall take care to send it to all subordinate ffactorys to be published as designed, hoping it will meet with its desired Effects wee doe not Remember y^t^: any unmaried man have of late yeares Rec^d^: their Dyet money, nor shall in the future as yo^r^: Hon^r^: &c^a^: are pleased to order All y^e^ Dustore as of late has been Practis'd, shall Assuredly be brought to y^e^ R^t^: Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: Acco^t^: allowing there from our necessary servants wages as Accustomary, M^r^: Cudworth wee find much more Inclin'd to returne to y^e^ ffort then to remain in Bengall A subordinate Councellor as he writes us he has liberty, from yo^r^: Hon^r^: &c^a^: but wee finde nothing therof in any of yo^r^: Letters.

For our noncomplyance in sending you 500 Tonns of Sugars this year, wee hope you'l excuse and look upon it an Impossibility soe many Rubbs has layn in our way, first our troubles 2^dly^: the 4 Surat shipps who bought most of theirs while wee were confin'd, and 3^dly^: y^e^ Georges Cargoe which did not only cost us dear, but wee mett with great difficulty in its procuration, butter & oyl wee have sent you by y^e^ Shrewsbury, w^ch^: was put on board here, and hope they will arrive with you in the like good condiĉon, Rice, Paddy, Packing stuff and wheat with 400 Piggs of Lead wee have alsoe sent you by the same ship, but for long pepper here is none procurable att his time tho' wee hope to send you some with other things by y^e^ Chandois, & Timbers from Ballasore.

As touching a Joint stock here there was no talking of it with our merchants this yeare, considering the Little time wee had left, and y^e^ Aboundance of business to goe through were forc't to make our termes with y^m^: y^e^: best wee could, Dacca and Maulda goods wee have and shall send down to y^e^ Loyall Eagle about 200 parcells of last yeares, and Expect more this for y^e^ Persia Merch^t^: tho' not much by reason of y^e^ very short time they have had to provide.

What souldiers wee have left alive with those Att Cassimbuzar wee presume will be sent you, after the Agents Arrivall w^th^: us except 6 or 8 to tend his person as yo^r^: Hon^r^: &c^a^: Desire.

Seeing yo^r^: Hon^r^: &c^a^: depends wholly upon our dispatching directly hence, y^e^ Loyall Eagle and Persia Merchant wee question not but to Effect it as before inserted and as to any of y^e^ rest 'tis Impossible to be done tho' our hearts are good, and minds willing towards it.

Wee are doubtfull whether [wee] shall be able to send away the Chandois time enough to touch att y^e^ Northern ffactorys, for want of shipping to carry down our goods, if not, w^t^: wee have over the other two ships Laden, shall send you upon her directly, to y^e^: ffort, this wee hint to yo^r^: Hon^r^: &c^a^: y^t^: care may be taken to gett y^e^ goods from y^e^ Norward by some other convenient conveyance, Rather y^n^: to depend on her.

M^r^: Higginson wee can very ill spare he being one of y^e^ most fittest men in India for y^e^ office he was in (and indeed any thing else) he has discharged his place with faithfullness & with all diligence in A curious method as yo^r^: Hon^r^: &c^a^

will see by his workes; wee cannot say enough in his praise, but seeing it is your order, and his desire: Bengall not agreeing with his constitution, he takes his Passage towards you on y^e^ Shrewsbury; wee have promis'd him to signifie all his care and pains to o^r^: R^t^: Hono^ble^: Masters and hope they will take into consideration and give him Encourgem^t^: According to his deserts for w^t^: he has done here.

His Maj^ties^: Privy seal wee have given M^r^: Littleton notice of who have promised to goe home on one of y^e^ Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: shipps, if they depart in season, wee have great reason to suspect he has A fellow, Feeling with y^e^ Interlopers of whom shall speak more too in an after clause, in y^e^ mean time there will be noe need of sending y^e^ seal to Surat wee having lately Rec^d^ a Coppy of it from thence Attested w^th^ an Acco^t^: they had served it on Bourcher.

Notwithstanding yo^r^: Hon^r^: &c^a^: had Countermanded y^t^: order by y^e^ Chandois for taking in provisions at Vizagapatam shee brought us A Large supply from thence Amounting to Rup^s^: 753: 30, w^t^: is Remaining Aboard, wee have order'd to be disposed of att y^e^ best Rates they can att Ballasore, as wee shall doe here w^th^: y^t^: w^ch^: y^e^ prospect brought wee having (thank y^e^ fates) noe occassion for it, great mortalities happened amongst y^e^ Hoggs, sheep, Turkeys & Henns, allsoe y^e^ Rice w^ch^: our ffriends sent us from Vizagapatam, proves very musty & worth Little all this Consider'd it will occasion [great] Loss.

Wee are glad y^e^ Bengall Merch^t^, arrived with you in good time, and hope you dispatcht her away soon after, tho' y^e^ [*lacuna in original*] of y^e^ 3^d^: Sep^tbr^: mentions nothing concerning her, yett wee may conclude shee's gon, and carry'd our Advices with her, for y^e^ forwarding which, and our former, both to y^e^ R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: and Suratt, wee give yo^r^: Hon^r^: &c^a^: our hearty thanks; y^e^ Gen^ll^: from Persia & our Acco^t^; Curr^t^; wee belived, but of noe use to us, by reason wee had before cleared it by Acco^t^: London.

As yo^r^: Hon^r^: &c^a^: rec^d^: y^e^ two Embassidors splendidly wee hope it may produce good Effect, in obliging y^e^ king of Persia, alsoe y^e^ King of Syam who wee wish may make better paym^t^ of yo^r^: bills of Exchange this his people at Ballasore has don in a Debt due to the same stock depending some yeares.

Wee nither Allow nor know y^t^: any of y^e^ R^t^: Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: servants Receiv's Piscashes or other rewards from any the black merchants, y^e^ Dustore wee have before advised is brought to y^e^ R^t^: Hono^ble^: Comp^a^: Acco^t^:, wee shall send to y^e^ ffactory's hereabouts as you Direct.

Wee shall send home this year by y^e^ last ship, (God Willing) Coppy of our Cash books to y^t^: time, and Coppies of Our Gen^ll^: Books to y^e^ last of Aprill whether Ballanc'd or not, and y^t^: wee can gett noe further att y^s^ time; wee hope it shall be sufficient to Remember yo^r^: Hon^r^: &c^a^ what A Condiçon wee have been in all this sumer by y^e^ terrours and hardships of y^e^ Governm^t^: y^e^ late Agents sickness for divers months: and ever since his death y^e^ stress of Gen^ll^: business has lain upon y^e^ second and soe has unavoided[ly] taken him off from Attending on his Perticular Duty in y^e^ office.

Yo^r^: Hon^r^: &c^a^: in P: S y^e^ 24^th^: August give us Acco^t^: that you have not Invoyc't but taken A Rec^t^: for 57 Tonns Lead, w^ch^: being as you mention to be continued on board wee Intermeddle not in it further y^n^: what you are pleased to Inform us therin.

Agent Charnocke having advised us as to the Affair of Cassimbuzar he has given your Hon^r^: &c^a^: an Acco^t^: in A Gen^ll^: w^ch^: comes herewith to which pleas'd to be Referred; and the rather because it has been committed to [y^r^] ꝑticular management for severall months past, though the Diarys, Consultations, and Generalls of this place frequently Relat's much about that transaction to y^s^: time.

Wee carefully observe what is mentioned by yo^r^: Hono^r^: &c^a^: as to yo^r^: disposition of y^e^ shipping; as to what concerns our selves for dispatch of y^e^ same wee have herin already advised to all save y^e^ Josiah upon whose Arrivall wee shall further Inform you, and accquaint our selves therin According to y^e^ best of our Power, Wee never yet had a ship y^t^: made A voyage to China, soe y^t^: wee doe

not know how to goe about to Invest goods propp^{r}: for y^{t}: place, wee have Advised & particular[l]y with M^{r}: Griffith, who knows of noe goods y^{t}: is propper save Lead and cloth, and further wee can't Informe our selves.

Yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: having been pleased to admitt the Excuses of M^{r}: Loe, and M^{r}: Dubois, to stay att y^{e} ffort (as you are pleased to Advise) soe y^{t}: wee are not to Expect them but it is some dissappointment while wee want more hands in the Bay as wee doe, John Hoskins shall be sent you; but wee keep him to execute y^{m}: warrants you sent us if occasion shall offer.

The 2^{d} Octob^{r} came newes from Ballasore (to our great trouble) of y^{e} Andeluzears Arrivall the 24th: Septem^{ber}: to w^{ch}: wee promised to speak more Largely to, In a former paragraph; but having given A full acco^{t}: thereof to y^{e} Right Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: in o^{r}: gene^{ll}: with other Letters relating thertoo, & our Diarys; to all w^{ch}: without enlarging farther wee humble Referr, Catchpools is not yet Arrived nor wee belive will this yeare y^{e} Interlopers themselves given out att Ballasore (as wee heare) y^{t}: he was gott as farr as y^{e} downs and there stop'd by o^{r}: R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Masters, wee were alsoe advised from Ballasore y^{t}: Tho: Heath Alias Harris, came out in y^{s}: ship and stayes att y^{e} Coast to provide goods where wee hope yo^{r} Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: have mett with him before now.

King James y^{e} Second wee proclaimed here y^{e}: 13th: Septemb^{r}: with all y^{e} solemnity this place and time would ℔[mit.]

Wee are sorry to understand there is such a scarcity of Rice and Paddy with you and likely to be more by the dryness of weather, in regard wee have not been able to procure more y^{n} 50 M^{ds}: Old Rice (this year's not being yett come in) all over the town that is worth sending by this shipp, wee hope to supply you largely by y^{e} Chandois of a better sort and new.

Wee most humbly thanke yo^{r}: Hono^{r} &c^{a} for yo^{r}: sympathy in our troubles and yo^{r}: prudent advice, and care therin (tho' y^{e} condition of y^{e} Bay is Indeed such, y^{t} it requires the greatest, and strictest consideracons Imaginable) wee doe Concurr with you in all yo^{r}: advices, as most Judicious, but there appears soe many Difficultys, even contradictory in every thing wee propose to our selves, y^{t}: wee runn our Judgm^{ts} into A Laberint Wee cannot goe neither can wee stay (to our R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Masters Interest) wee cannot dispatch the Tonnage wee stand charged with, neither retain those shipps here without great dammage to their owners; but most certain it is these extreems cannot last long to y^{e} Comp^{as}: advantage or Interest tho' wee can see no end of them, notwithstanding this patch't up peace with Abdulgunny &c^{a} yet theres the Difference with y^{e} picars is still depending, w^{ch}: Actions being now Allowed of w[i]ll soon become practicable hereafter when y^{e} least urgent calls for want of money, presses y^{m}: it is high time for us to be gon when money, gifts and bribes will not buy Justice, and y^{e} smallest hopes of y^{t}: from them soon procureth us Injustice; Wee humbly agree with yo^{r} Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: y^{r}: y^{e} calling downe the subordinate ffactorys (especially Pattana & Dacca) and the charging y^{e} countrey with their Remains in writing upon the gates, would be highly necessary for the Reducing of this Governm^{t}: into better termes, if it can be by noe mean's effected, otherwise by our Vacqueels at court, but to put that into practice would Require a present stopp to all trade w^{ch}: wee can have noe thoughts to doe without A possitive order from y^{e}: R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: or your Hono^{r}: &c^{a} to which wee humbly submitt our selves, and in the mean time shall proceed in the course wee are in for this yeares Investm^{t}: for the dispatch of y^{e} shipps and its possible time may produce other considerations, more Advantageous to our Hono^{ble}: masters, before next year, for which wee heartily wish & pray.

Wee humbly thought it necessary to accquaint your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: how y^{t} Cap^{t}: Earning after his Arrivall refused to deliver his treasure upon our order to him for y^{e} same, Alleadging y^{t} he was Consign'd to Agent & Council Jointly, and to deliver it upon no other order of which being advis'd from Ballasore, wee Imediately dispatch'd blank orders to Cassimbuzar for his worship to signe & upon y^{e} Return thereof sent them down again, upon w^{ch}: he complyed wth: y^{e} same and accordingly y^{e} s^{d}: Treasure arriv'd last night, the consideration of w^{ch}: wee

humbly Referr to yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a} desiring of yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: Directions how to proceed in such cases hereafter.

Wee send you an Attestation lately received from Rajamall for y^{e} want of 6 pound 3 oz: of silver in one Ingott No. 223 in Chest N^{o}: 150 and desire yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: Invoyce hither otherwise to advise our R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Masters of the same.

Inclosed comes the Shrewsbury bill of Lading and Invoice Amounting to Rup^{s}: 135156: 13: 3 for w^{ch}: please to Creditt Acco^{t}: London, our Diary and Consultations wee have committed to the care and charge of M^{r}: Higginson who will deliver them to yo^{r}: Hono^{r}: &c^{a}: upon his Arrivall att the Fort.

Wee humbly begg yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: pardon in y^{t}: wee have not given yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: A ℔ticular Acco^{t}: of all y^{e} Transactions of Affaires during the time of our troubles here; seeing by the same occasion wee have sent our Gene^{ll}: to y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: open to yo^{r}: Hono^{r}: &c^{a}: wherin wee have commented largely in Each ℔ticular to w^{ch}: wee humbly Referr (desiring you to forward the same as ℔ list by the first ship,) as allsoe our Diary and Consultations for the ffort sent by M^{r}: Higginson to the Last of October, if in this there appear any thing amiss; or in the least wee seem to be found short of our Duty to yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: wee begg A favourable construction on the same the strictness of time having now hurryed us on to the sorting our Investment which Requireth all hands to Attend to the end wee may ℔form in some measure w^{t}: wee promise to our R^{t}: Hono^{ble}; Masters in the same; wee are

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Your very humble serv^{ts}:

THOMAS: LEY.
EDW: OXBOROUGH.
FRAN^{S}: ELLIS.
SAM^{L}: GRIF [FITH]
RICH: [TRENCHFIELD]

Wee whose names are hereunto subscribed doe Attest that wee was present att y^{e} opening of A chest of treasure N^{o}: 150 Invoiced from Hugly 29th Septem^{br}: 1685 wherin was conteyned five Ingotts one whereoff viz^{t}: No. 223 Invoiced for pounds Troy twenty nine Conteyned but pounds twenty two and three ounces Procam^{lb} 27th: October 1685.

ROG: BRADDYLL.
WILL^{M}: HODGES.

A List of y^{e}: Bay Pacquett to Fort St. George 20TH: NOVEMB^{R}: 1685.

N^{o}: 1. Bay Pacquett to London.
2. Bay Generall to y^{e} ffort S^{t}: George 20th: Novemb^{r}:
3. Coppy of Bay Generall to y^{e} ffort 29th: August.
4. Rajamaull Attestation.
5. Shrewsbury's Invoice.
6. Ditto's Bill of Lading.

To THE HONO^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCIL.

CASSIMBASAR 31ST: OCTOB^{R}: 85.

Ever since yo^{r}: Hono^{ble}: President his Departure hence wee have been in continuall troubles wth: y^{e} Governm^{t}: here about y^{e} Picars Differencys, the ffactory having been besett about by horse and foot divers times and believe wee should never have been able to have kept our selves from their violence, wth: out y^{e} Assistance of y^{e} souldiers his Hon^{r}: was pleas'd to leave here nothing would sattisfie the Nau'ob who Espouses the Picars quarrell but the payment of the Som the Cozee awarded soe Unjustly formerly, viz^{t}: to quitt y^{e} Rup^{s}: 25000 owing by them of March bund & to pay down in ready money y^{e}: sume of Rup^{s}: 45000 in all Rup^{s}: 70000 he gave private orders in Xb^{e}r last to y^{e} Govern^{r}: to gett the

Chief into his hands and send him for Dacca but finding it could not be Effected according to his desire sent A Jassooll w^{ch}: arrived here from Dacca y^{e} 13th X^{bre}: to warn his Appearance att his court otherwise to pay the abovesaid Rup^{s}: 45000 who gave us noe small trouble but having mollified him by a bribe of about 4400 in the time of his stay here he departed the 15th Jan^{ry}: for Dacca where he did not fail to Excuse his coming, afterwards M^{r}: Pownsett &c Council with much difficulty upon A request procured y^{e} Nau'ob ℔wanna w^{ch}: came hither y^{e}: 21st: May ordering y^{e} Congo to arbitrate the business betwixt us and the Picarrs who was our ffriend, and would doubtless have accomodated it to our contents but before y^{e}: Arrivall of s^{d}: ℔wanna he was gon out of town 50 Clour distance from hence ab^{t}: Important business, and returned not til y^{e} latter of June, soon after tho being much Indisposed he proceeded to Arbitration but ere he Could Effect any thing therin his sickness dayly Encreasing he departed this life the 20 July, whereupon the Govern^{r}: gave us great hopes to bring it to a conclusion M^{r}: Davenant attended att Muxodaiva'd allmost 5 months in Order thereunto att last after much trouble and time, a firm contract was made by the Govern^{r}: with M^{r}: Davenant viz^{t}: y^{t} he would content them for 4^{m} ℔ sere more then wee had prized their sick[ae]s att formerly w^{ch}: amo^{t}: to about Rup^{s}: 16000 and he was to have of us when the business was ended a bribe of Rup^{s}: 5000, w^{ch}: was deposited in A merchants hands but the next day M^{r}: Davenant came to him, he fell from his word, and demanded w^{t}: the Cozee had Awarded, pretending w^{t}: he had done the day before was unadvisedly and soe suffers the Picarrs to make another Journey to Dacca to complain of us to the Nau'ob where they renewed their demands of having us allow y^{e} sume the Cozee had awarded them having promis'd the Nau'ob, as M^{r}: Pownsett &c^{a}: write us one halfe of the Rup^{s}: 45000 to gett the sume of us.

Finding how ill wee were like to speed at Dacca wee desisted not Endeavouring to have the business Ended here, and y^{e} Govern^{r}: had made us another promise viz^{t}: if wee would quitt the sume of Rup^{s} 25000 the Picars owe us in this manner viz^{t}: 16000 to them & a 9000 to pay down ready money as a bribe to him, he to give us a note to Receive a 9000 of y^{m}: he would conclude it was wee consented too, but he fail'd us in his ℔formance as afore, soe that wee were forced (since noe hopes of having anything brought to an Issue here) to send M^{r}: Hayns with the sick muster broake an Acco^{t}: to Dacca according to y^{e} govern^{rs}: desire to Endeavour A speedy conclusion there wee wrot M^{r}: Pownsett &c^{a}: Councill gett the Nau'obs to have it brought to A fair Arbitration of merchants but by all he advises y^{t}: wee receive from thence wee find the Nau'ob denies to have it arbitrated but continues his demands of Rup^{s}: 45000 M^{r}: Pownsett &c^{a} proffer'd a bribe of R^{s} 20000 to him to desire the Picars might give the other R 5000 but he would not consent replying wee must pay Rup^{s}: 45000 to y^{e} Picars otherwise noe business in the bay shall be ℔mitted to goe forward.

On the 1st: Septemb^{r}: came advices from Hughly of y^{e}: death of Agent Beard from the council of the Bay wherin they desired M^{r}: Charnock to come down with all speed to take the Charge upon him, w^{ch}: vacancy fell to him according to the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: orders, he made himselfe ready, thereon to depart for Hugly, but was stopt by order from y^{e} Govern^{r}: by a Party of Horse & foot, w^{ch}: Immediately sett watches all along the River to prevent his going, who order'd hee should not stirr till the business was ended or y^{t}: M^{r}: Hayns was departed for Dacca when he was gon wee desired his Licence according to his promise but he fell off and said the Agent might be suffer'd to goe when M^{r}: Hayns was arrived att Bairgotche a place distant 12 or 14 Coors from hence, after he had been gon from thence wee made a suit again to him for the Agents going, but he replyed he should not goe till he heard of M^{r}: Hayns had been before the Nau'ob, and thus have this ℔fideous man from time to time, delayed us by breaking all the promises he ever made us, wee have often desired M^{r}: Pownsett &c^{a}: to procure the Nau'obs ℔wanna for y^{e} Agent his Departure to Hugly with a quantity of silk & Taffitys to y^{e} Amo^{t}: of nigh 2½ Lack Rupees w^{ch}: have layn here this 10 months but they advise us y^{e} Nau'ob will not give any till wee

pay Rup^{s}: 45000, w^{ch}: will end the Picars Difference, y^{e} 29th: Curr^{t}: wee Rec^{d}: A gene^{ll}: from Dacca y^{t}: the Nau'obs Licaca Cassidas had ordered a ℘wanna on the Govern^{r}: of this place to take of us R 45,000 Ere the Agent stirr'd out of the ffactory w^{ch}: ℘wanna was sent us by him yesterday wth: a horrmeece who demanded y^{t}: wee must send the sd sume to him at Muxodacca[*sic*], if not to send it to Dacca if not then to send him an Answer y^{t}: he may forward it to the Nau'ob to know his farther orders, wee wrot him in answer y^{t} o^{r}: business as he well knew was never yett arbitrated till when we could never consent to pay any thing by Reason the Picars are Indebted to us, but if y^{e} Nau'ob will please to lett it fairly be brought to arbitration of merch^{ts}: wee should willingly submitt to their determination, wee cannot tell w^{t}: this governo^{r}: Intends to doe wee belive he will not seize on the money forcibly since it will seem to be A plain Robbery, wee are Endeavouring o^{r}: uttmost to gett the goods down, and licence for the Agents departure, w^{ch}: is soe absolute necessary in this Juncture by reason of all w^{ch}: troubles wee have not been able to recover any of o^{r}: Remains in the Picars & weavers possession.

The price Allowed y^{e} Picars for the silk was excessive dear and ℘sue more then it was really worth, it being soe exceeding bad & contrary to o^{r}: muster of w^{ch}: silk the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: have much complain'd by their Lrs this shipping.

The Govern^{r}: his Detaining the Agent here is the most unreasonable Act y^{t}: can be, and soe accounted by all the natives since M^{r}: Hains was sent to Dacca and M^{r}: Davenant Impower'd here to end the Differences, but it is credibly reported, by divers Merc^{ts}: in this place y^{t}: Muttredass his accomplices have by assistance of his son Betuldas given the Govern^{r}: here a bribe to the Amo^{t}: of Rup^{s}: 5 or 6000 for their perticuler Interest to detain him from going down which wee have good reason to belive, considering all circumstances and there having been the Authour of all the mischiefes.

The books of Acco^{ts}: of 168$\frac{3}{4}$ are compleated by M^{r}: Harding to o^{r}: great sattisfaction the ballance of w^{ch}: is sent to Hugly wth: an Acco^{t}: of this ffactorys stock, & Hugly acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: those of 84 & 85 are allmost finished & shall send both years acco^{ts}: home by this shipping timely, wee have been disappointed of Assistance, having none y^{t}: is able to coppie them out fairly nor to coppie the other books as are requested to be sent home, nor for the warehouse & Diary & charges Gene^{ll}: will be ready to goe In time, if o^{r}: businesses may be accomodated in any time, wee hope to make up R^{s}:- 3 Lack in goods from y^{s}: place w^{ch}: notwth: standing o^{r}: troubles wee might have been able to have gotten more had wee been possess'd of money, We Remain Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Yo^{r}: humble servants

JOB: CHARNOCK
JAMES HARDING.
NICH^{O}: DA[...]
JAMES: WATSON.

To THE HONO^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT &C^{A}: COUNCIL VIZAGAPATAM Y^{E} 29TH X^{BR} 1685.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Wee lately advised of ship Shrewsbury Cap^{t}: Robert Alford Comand^{r} Importing here from the Bay whom wee have fully Laden, and therefore send him directly to you with 452 bales of Callicoes and 225 baggs of Turmerick on y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Acco^{t}: their contents &c^{a} specified in the Enclosed Invoyce and bills Lading amounting unto Pago^{s}: 21,442: 30: 2.

Wee desire your Excuse for deferring to reply to yo^{r}: Gene^{ll}: of 2^{d}: November last the dispatch of o^{r}: Investment not affording us Leasure the matter therin

conteyned Requiring consideracon, all possible dilligence has been used to hasten this shipp towards you, w^ch^: is the needfull att present soe Respectfully subscribe.

Hono^ble^: S^r^ &c^a^:

Your very humble servants
RICHARD BROWNE.
GEO: RAMSDEN.
CHARLES FLEETWOOD.

TO THE HONO^BLE^: W^M^: GYFFORD ESQ^R^: PRESIDENT &: GOVERN^R^: &C^A^: COUNCIL IN FFORT S^T^: GEORGE.

MADAPOLL^M^: Y^E^ 22^D^ X^BER^ 1685.

Hono^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

The 4^th^: Instant the Kempthorne sett sayl from Acheen and y^e^ 19 Decemb^r^: att night wee fell into this Road thinking it had been Metchlepatam till wee were otherwise Informed, wee Immediately hasten'd A dispatch to M^r^: ffreeman to Acquaint him with it (the Intended Persia ffreight depending much upon it) w^ch^: wee wish may prove more successfull then our Acheen voyage, for y^e^ Price curr^t^: for Rice wee found to bee 16 bamboes ℔ mẽro w^ch^: was never known soe Loe since Rice was a Commodity for Acheen, and cloth worth little or nothing w^ch^: was occasioned by a great ffleet of shipps y^t^ lay in the Road with bales Laden & Rice.

Wee had noe better success in ou^r^: negotiation tho' wee strugled hard to procure the Phirmaund, but could not effect it, by Reasons of the Apprehentions they have of the designs of the Dutch, yett wee have this Assurance from them, y^t^: in case the R^t^: Hono^ble^; Comp^a^: make good their former Agreem^t^: between her Maj^ty^: & themselves, and settle A Person there to whom they may address themselves upon occasions, then they will grant the Phirmaund, but not till then, the Cap^t^: Intends to stay here two or 3 dayes to water and recruit having had A very sickly voyage & then to sett sayl for Metchlepatam, from where wee shall hasten our Diary, w^th^: an Acco^t^: Curr^t^: and sales, The Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: Effects are in goods propp^r^: for England Viz^t^: Benjamin of the 2^d^: & 3^d^: sort and Rhabarb, which wee hope may be acceptable being agreeable to orders having nothing more att ℔sent to add wee subscribe Honoble S^r^: &c

Yo^r^: most humble & obedi^t^: serv^ts^:
JN^O^: PITT.
THO: CONSTABLE.

TRANSLATE OF A LR̃E FROM HIS EXCELL^Y^ THEAMBACK BOSERA TO THE HONO^BLE^ W^M^: GYFFORD ESQ^R^ GOVERN^R^: DATED JAN^Y^: 168¾.

I enjoy good health and should Rejoyce to hear the like from your Hon^r^: yo^r^: Hon^r^: has been A great ffriend of mine ever since yo^r^: Arrivall in these parts, w^ch^: I am desirous may be continued still I return yo^r^: Hon^r^: many thanks y^t^: you have been pleased to help my people upon Lingapas and my Request, giving them all manner of Assistance, and a quiet Residence with you, but since Lingapa is turned out I desire to know if yo^r^: Hon^r^: will please to lett them live under yo^r^: protection still, tho' the new Govern^r^: should write to you desiring y^t^: you would turne them out, if upon his Letter yo^r^: Hon^r^: will not ℔mitt them to Reside with you will give them Leave to come away, now I desire an Answer to this by my servant Racoje Noyeck who will Accquaint your Hon^r^ [. . .] y^e^ business if you please to give ear to him, I shall enlarge [no more] att present only begg yo^r^: Hono^rs^: future Comands.

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